

West Australian Rails

NUMBER: Extra North 003 A quick wrap up of a few months in the Pilbara and Kalgoorlie taken by Toad Montgomery and Roland Depth of various railway happenings during March to May 2021.

Extra North 003 covers May in the Pilbara.



At Point Samson there is an entry statement of some preserved former Public Works Department railway items that were used on the jetty for many years. The loco is NW 23, a crane waggon and three flat waggons on some recycled Rio Tinto iron ore rail and sleepers.

PW 23 was originally NW 13 and 0-4-OP built by Motor Rail Limited in Britain with builder's number 14034/1957.

Some other images can be found here: [Rail Heritage WA](#) and here: [Weston Langford site](#)

These images taken on the 10th May 2021. Down near the site of the former jetty are a few jetty waggons beside a lookout platform walkway, an image of this is below, the area also has a good cover of Jack Bean.

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Below, two waggons of a different gauge and era, Rio Tinto compressor waggon set CB08 at Cape Lambert being attached to a loaded rake.





Cape Lambert south yard, a loaded AutoHaul™ train behind ES44DCi 8116 and two C44-9W units as an empty departs. Below, a brace of power, Hamersley Iron C44-9W 7067, 7092 and Rio Tinto ES44ACi 9115.





Benson Falls at the 92 km, Rio AutoHaul™ loaded trains descend the grade, C44-9W Robe Pilbara Rail units 9407 & 9430 with ES44DCi unit 8126, and below are Rio ES44DCi pair 8191 & 8141 with ES44ACi unit 9110.





Benson Falls 92 km, loaded AutoHaul™ train with triple Rio ES44DCi units 8127, 8135 and 8175. Below the Rio 22 waggon rail train on the 89 km curve with Rio Tinto ES44ACi 9128 and HI C44-9W 7095 on the rear.





The 11th May 2021 loaded FMG trains behind SD9043MAC 907 leads SD70ACe/LCi 713 at the 76 km, while below SD70ACe-P6 727 & SD70ACe/LCi 710 at the 140 km curve at Woodstock and the bridge over BHP.





Woodstock 149 km post, BHP Billiton SD70ACe/LC units 4433 'Achiever' and 4334 'Wheelara' lead a loaded with mid-train remote units 4460 and 4451. The FMG over bridge is immediately behind the photographer.





BHP SD70ACE 4330 'Giles' leads SD70ACE/LC 4402 with a loaded train at Woodstock (149 km) under the FMG over bridge with mid-train power 4315 'Mijarrpa' and 4464 'Celebrating 50 Years 1969 to 2019'.





Woodstock 149 km and an empty train running south under the FMG overbridge behind SD70ACe/LC units 4487 'Paul Harris' and 4407 'Ironman' with mid-train remotes 4453 and SD70ACe 4331 'Withnell'.





The duplicated Turner River bridge located about the 112 km with a BHP loaded train behind SD70ACe/LC units 4379 and 4452 on the lead with mid-train power from 4461 'Bruce Martin' and 4386.





On the Turner River bridge at the 112 km an empty BHP train runs south behind SD70ACe/LC pair 4395 and 4317 'Spinifex' with mid-train remotes 4459 'Ray Hughes' and 4398.





With the last rays of sun at the 112 km Turner River bridge a loaded BHP train glints behind SD70ACe/LC units 4437 and 4359 with mid-train power 4357 and 4457.





On the 12th May 2021 at Redbank Bridge (7.3 km) a loaded BHP iron ore train arrives behind a pair of the latest delivery of SD70ACe/LCi units 4497 and 4493 with mid-train power 4492 and SD70ACe/LC 4381.





Boodarie, empty BHP rake with SD70ACe/LC 4411 'Desert Rose' and SD70ACe/LCi 4495 with the yard and FMG dumpers in the distance. Below SD70ACe/LCi 4497 waits line to the dumpers as 4492 looks on.





Kanyirri Yard and FMG loaded train behind C44-9W 011 and SD9043MAC 905 power through to the port. Below port pilot loco SD90MAC-H2 901 (re-motored with 710) stands with compressor sets at the port.





Empty departure from FMG port with two SD90MAC-H2 units (both re-motored with 710s) 903 and 902. Below a pair of light engines C44-9W 011 and SD9043MAC 905 head to Kanyirri for trip servicing.





Rolling around the 5 km curve an FMG loaded behind C44-9W leader 001 and SD70ACe/LCI 712 while below an empty departs behind a running pair of SD70ACe/LCi units 718 and 719 passing the loaded.





FMG loaded train around the 5 km curve behind SD70ACE/LCi 710 and SD70ACE-P6 727. Below is FMG SD90MAC-H2 904 (now with 710) at Fortescue Future Industries in Perth undergoing green energy trials.

