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Ps 2507 & 2505 run train 3721 through Moonyoonooka, 2nd October.

Photo: Phil Melling

After almost five months stored in West Kalgoorlie yard, Q4010 received replacement wheels and was towed on 426 freight to Forrestfield workshops on 31st October.

Watco's DR1564 and 1565 (former WAGR D class, also worked in Tasmania for several years) finally entered revenue service for their new owner in early November, working Avon Valley ballast trains.

NSW's 8206 arrived in Kalgoorlie at the end of October, but was returned east two days later. 8165 arrived a week later, went to Esperance but has since returned to West Kalgoorlie and has worked a couple of shuttles of empty hoppers to and from Parkeston. 8222 is currently restricted to Esperance port shunter. Rail movement of Kooly ore resumed on 6th November, one train each way per day at the moment, each has three MRL locos and 106 hoppers. Around half a dozen hoppers of an empty train derailed near Salmon Gums on 11th November, possibly due to a washaway after heavy rain in the area. Services on the Esperance line resumed on 17th November.

A loaded BHP ore "run away" after the driver climbed off to check a wagon at Hester on Monday 5/11, it had to be deliberately derailed at Turner's Siding for safety reasons. Four locos and most of the 268 hoppers were destroyed.



RHAs 1025 & 1026 on pink hoppers await their official launch the next day, 3rd October. Photo: John Mathews



Q4001 runs the BP shunt at Kewdale, 3rd October.

Photo: Mark Bennett



NRs 94 & 47 haul 1P12 empty MRL hopper transfer from Forrestfield to Kewdale, 3/10. Photo: Mark Bennett



1400kms gone, around 4100 kms remaining - new TransPerth B set #122 on the rear of 4NY3 passes through North Goulburn en route from Maryborough, Qld to Perth, 3rd October. Photo: Leon Oberg



6K17 led by CBH009 bursts clear of the cloud’s shadow at Wattleup, 5th October.



S3302 on train 6971, Wellard, 5th October.

Both photos: Simon Barber



Smoky DBZ2311 climbs the grade at Wellard with train 6253, 5th October.



Kwinana provides the industrial backdrop behind S3309 and train 6X37, 5th October. Both photos: Simon Barber



ACs 4301 & 4307 depart Kwinana with 6025 overnight freight to Kalgoorlie, 5th October. Photo: Simon Barber



Ps 2511, 2508 & 2503 work 7721 loaded ore at Old Grants, 6th October.

Photo: Phil Melling



NRs 104 & 57 lead 5MP2 through Hazelmere, 7/10; TransPerth B set #122 on the rear nears the end of its journey.



TransPerth B set #122 enters Forrestfield, 7th October.

Both photos: Jim Bisdee



The clouds threaten as CBHs 008 & 011 roll loaded grain 3G55 through Narngulu, 9th October. Photo: Phil Melling



NRs 11 & 113 haul set #119 through Woodbridge as train 5P31 to PTA Bellevue, 11th October. Photo: Jim Bisdee



NRs 95 & 120 ready to depart Perth Freight Terminal on 6P31 light engine, 12th October.

Photo: Evan Jasper



Through all of October, new StarTrack courier vans were transferred west, generally four per day. StarTrack are owned by Australia Post, hence their logo also on the vans. 4MP5, West Kalgoorlie, 12th October.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



NR95 prepares to depart Kewdale with 7PX4, 13th October.



MRLs 001, 005, 004 & 006 on the dead end road, Perth provisioning centre, 12th October.



NRs 121 & 17 await departure from Kewdale with 7PM5, 13th October.

All three photos: Evan Jasper



A Woolworths yard tug aboard 6PM9, Parkeston, 13th October.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



ACNs 4152 & 4172 head 7763 loaded Karara ore at Moonyoonooka, 13th October.

Photo: Phil Melling



Oops! The Daddow Rd sink hole which flooded the Forrestfield rail tunnel, 14th October.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



Ps 2509, 2506 & 2505 on 1721 loaded Mt Gibson ore at Bringo, 14th October.

Photo: Phil Melling



NRs 31, 21 & 32 ready to depart Perth Freight Terminal with 1PM5; yard shunter 8121 stands in the background, 14th October.



X47 shunts SCT loading at Forresterfield, 14th October. A DC stands at the right of shot. Both photos: Evan Jasper



1PM5 screams through Woodbridge behind NRs 31, 21 & 32, 14th October.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



Another load of Australia Post / StarTrack vans aboard 7MP5, Parkeston, 15th October. ACC6030 waits on the triangle to run C74 to West Kal but wouldn't start and had to be rescued by Q4014.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



DBZ waits to depart Albany station with 3604 empty Woodchip train for Redmond, 16th October.

Photo: Evan Jasper



LDP002 and a tatty SCT009 blow the exhaust high as they depart Parkeston on 2MP9, 17th October.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



Parallel empty trains at Tabba – an RHA & a CD on Roy Hill and 003 & 704 on FMR race each other to the mines for another load of ore, 18th October.
Photo: Mark Bennett



SCTs 011 & 005 ease 4PM9 towards Parkeston, 18th October.
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Photo: Peter Donaghy



6AK1 with NR76 was used to transfer MRL002 back from Parkeston, 19th October.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



NR98 leads 7PX4 through South Guildford, 20th October.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



Transfer bogies heading back to Brisbane to await the next EMU delivery, 7PX4, 20th October. Photo: Jim Bisdee



Ps 2507, 2508 & 2511 lead 7720 empty Mt Gibson ore, Northern Gully, 20th October. Photo: Phil Melling



Wearing the latest Indian Pacific scheme, NR86 guides 5AP8 through Guildford, 20th October. Photo: Simon Barber



Ps 2509, 2501 & 2514 bark through Mullewa on 7725 loaded ore, 20th October. Photo: Phil Melling



CBH013 stands at Midland with newly-regauged set 122, train 7WL1, 20th October.

Photo: Simon Barber



6AK2 inspection train passes through Bellevue behind NR76, 26th October.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



7725 loaded Mt Gibson with Ps 2509, 2501 & 2514 crossing empty 7764 with rear DPU ACN4149, Northern Gully, 27th October.
Photo: Phil Melling



8206 arrived into West Kalgoorlie from NSW on 5MP2 on 28th October, and is seen here shunting to the rear yard.
Photo: Peter Donaghy



LDP002 & SCT015 on 6MP9 make a smoky departure from Parkeston, 28th October.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



G511 leads 1BT4 empty ballast into Kalgoorlie from the Leonora line close to sunset, 28th October.



Rejected – return to sender. NR72 hauls 8206 back east on 3PM4, Parkeston, 30th October. Photo: Peter Donaghy



New TransPerth B set 123 passes through the Cullerins (NSW) on 4NY3, 31st October. Photo: Peter Attenborough