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VLs 357 & 361 pass through Thornlie with 6S51 empty NGXH grain hoppers, 1st February.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



CFCLA's four CD dash-8s were off-hired by Roy Hill, stabled on 1st February.

Photo: John Mathews



S3309 works 6936 through Wellard, 1st February.

Photo: Simon Barber



Ps 2508, 2517 & 2506 lead 6721, the last loaded Mt Gibson ore through Beachlands, 1st February.



Ps 2506, 2517 & 2508 pass Beachlands with the last empty Mt Gibson working (6722) 1st February. Both photos: Phil Melling



NRs 54 & 96 haul 8222 through Kal on 6-hour late 6PM6, The 82 was returning east after several months as Esperance port shunter, after a plan to run 82s with the MRLs on Kooly ore trains was abandoned, 2nd February. Both photos: Peter Donaghy





6PM6 approaches Parkeston behind NRs 54 & 96 hauling 8222, 2nd February.



MRL002, NR94 & MRL004 haul 1033 loaded ore between Binduli and Hampton, 3rd February. Both photos: Peter Donaghy



1033 ore rounds the curve on approach to Hampton ballast siding, 3rd February.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



1030 empty ore with NRs 102 & 48 plus MRL001 approaches Hampton to cross 1033, 3rd February.



1030 approaches Hampton loop while 1033 waits on the main line for the cross, 3rd February.



1033 enters train order territory after departing Hampton, 3rd February.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



1033 races through the “badlands” near West Kambalda, 3rd February.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



With her lease to Roy Hill completed, CD4302 is all loaded up and ready to transfer back to storage near the speedway, Port Hedland, while her three sisters await the same fate, 5th February.

Photo: John Mathews



CD4303 is lifted for loading onto the float, for transfer off the Roy Hill site, 5th February.



CD4303 (nearest) and CD4302 are hauled away from Roy Hill's yard, 5th February.

Both photos: John Mathews



CBHs 003 & 006 on 3G52 empty grain at Geraldton Port, 5th February.

Photo: Phil Melling



The morning after the first two CDs were sent away, CD4305 follows, 6th February.

Photo: John Mathews



CD4301 on transfer back to Port Hedland after the lease to Roy Hill ended, 6th February.

Photo: John Mathews



The unusual combo of HL203 & CBH121 work 6RT2 rail train to Kwinana through Hazelmere, 8th February.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



NR20 hauls MRL005 ex workshops service back to Kalgoorlie on 7PX4, Hazelmere, 9th February.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



SCT008 & CSR009 lead 5MP9 past NR115 stabled with empty ARTC rail set 2, Parkeston, 9th February.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



SCTs 007 & 015 on 6PM9 pass stabled Q4003 at Parkeston, 9th February.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



Ps 2513, 2506, 2503, 2501 & 2505 stored at Narngulu East, 10th February.

Photo: Phil Melling



NRs 102 & 48 lead MRL001 around the Binduli triangle on 1033 loaded ore, 10th February.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



CBHs 025 & 006 head 1G52 empty grain at Geraldton Port, 10th February.

Photo: Phil Melling



MRLs 006 & 003 lead NR78 upgrade on approach to Hampton with 1030 empty ore, 10th February.



1033 waits on the main as 1030 veers onto the loop at Hampton, 10th February.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



The cross now completed, 1033 resumes its journey to Esperance, 10th February.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



CBHN grain hoppers bracket cruise ship Amadeais at Geraldton Port, 11th February.

Photo: Phil Melling



Another unusual combo: HL203 leads VL357 on S354 through Wattleup, 12th February.

Photo: Simon Barber



Ps 2505, 2503 & 2513 stored at Narngulu, 12th February.

Photo: Phil Melling



Wearing different variants of the Indian Pacific paint scheme, NRs 26 & 28 power 3P57 express through South Guildford, 12th February. Photo: Jim Bisdee



CBHs 015 & 013 on 3K44 refuel at Metro Grain, Forrestfield, 12th February. Mobile “pit stops” like this are normal for most operators nowadays, following the demise of rural servicing depots. Photo: Kieran Wright



Extra service 2AP9 runs through Parkeston on sunset with CSR006 on a small load, 12th February. Both photos: Peter Donaghy



Q4007 with containers of nickel residue, containers for Lynas rare earths and WNs for nickel concentrate form a lengthy 5479 to depart for Leonora early the following morning, 13th February. 1250 metres but only 720 tonnes, so just a single loco, to return with loaded WNs only. Two locos will be sent out on 479 a night to two later to bring back the loaded Lynas plus loaded WNs.



HL203 & VL357 on 4S56 cross CBHs 001 & 004 on 4K53, South Guildford, 13th February.



CBH119 leads VL361 on 6S56 grain through Hazelmere, 15th February.

Both photos: Jim Bisdee



AC4301 & ACC6032 haul 6025 Kalgoorlie freight through evening shadows, Woodbridge, 15th February. Photo: Jim Bisdee



7146 port shuttle runs through Kewdale behind G511 & FL220, 16th February.

Photo: Sean McGarraghy



VL361 leads CBH120 on 7S56 at Herne Hill (above) and approaching Forrestdfield (below), 16th February.

Photos: Simon Barber (above), Sean McGarraghy (below)





VL361 leads CBH120 on 7S56 grain at Kenwick, 16th February.

Photo: Sean McGarraghy



AC4307, ACB4402, Qs 4011 & 4015 haul 7025 to Kalgoorlie though Swan View, 16th February.

Photo: Simon Barber



Due to a derailment just east of Kultanaby closing the Trans line on 16/2, NR116 and coach RZEY2 (former Overland sleeper Allambi, later coded JRB1) ran 8416S "taxi" to ferry un-needed crews from Cook back to Parkeston, 17/2. Photo: Peter Donaghy



CBH119 & VL361 head 1S56 at Kewdale, 17th February.

Photo: Sean McGarraghy



Former Queensland 2800 class PA2819 runs 1239 through Keysbrook, 17th February.

Photo: Simon Barber



Due to the Kultanaby derailment, 7PX4 (NR43) was stalled on the arrival road at West Kalgoorlie for several days, forcing NRs 85 & 42 on the Esperance fuel train to use the loop. Also stalled in the yard for the duration was 1PA8 Indian Pacific (NR31 visible beside the 2nd and 3rd fuel tanks on PX4), 18th February. Passengers remained aboard the first night! Photo: Peter Donaghy



1PA8 Indian Pacific, now empty, stabled in West Kal yard, beside 7PX4 and 1446 fuel (distant left), 18th February.



NRs 32 & 48 with MRL001 on 3030 empty ore approaching Binduli, 19th February.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



Hot on 3030's tail is AC4307 with 3410 acid ex Hampton, 19th February.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



Prospector car WDB011 being used in filming the movie "Below", Bellevue, 20th February.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



With the Trans line expected to reopen the next day, LDP002 & SCT015 lead a late 4PM9 through Woodbridge to get near the front of the queue, 20/2. Photo: Jim Bisdee