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Triple Qs 4009, 4002 & 4007 on 6025 approach West Kalgoorlie yard, 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Photo: Peter Donaghy

Mt Gibson iron ore haulage has again ceased from Perenjori with the departure of 2723 loaded ore on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2020. After unloading at Geraldton port the following morning, the train ran as 3720 to Narngulu for storage; the low-grade ore stockpile at the mine now being depleted. Later that day, one wagon pair which had required repairs before unloading was hauled as 3721 from Narngulu to the port to dump, then returned empty as 3722 to store with the remainder of the hoppers. Mt Gibson had previously announced that they will commence mining at their Shine deposit in the first half of 2021 but haven't yet confirmed whether the ore will be transported by rail.

Aurizon is understood to be about to re-enter grain haulage. Overnight on 16/17<sup>th</sup> December, ACN4152 hauled 27 XT grain wagons ex storage at Forrestfield to Narngulu, to join the rest of the fleet which was already stored there, after being used by CBH/Watco up to October 2019. It is believed the XTs will be hauled by two P class in the CBH Geraldton zone.



Ps 2502, 2515 & 2514 pass Old Grants with 7721 loaded Mt Gibson ore, 3<sup>rd</sup> October.



7763 loaded Karara ore with ACNs 4146 & 4141, Separation Point, 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Both photos: Phil Melling



S3301 leads 2968 bauxite through Keysbrook, 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Photo: Simon Barber



5G58 loaded grain to Kwinana waits at Geraldton Port behind CBHs 004 & 008, 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Photo: Phil Melling



G511 on the ILS shuttle passes the Maritime Museum, Fremantle, 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Photo: Mark Bennett



Water sprays for noise reduction, Fremantle, 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Photo: Mark Bennett



CBHs 002 & 011 roll away from Walkaway with 6G51 empty grain, 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Photo: Phil Melling



The ILS shuttle near Fremantle South behind G511, 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Photo: Mark Bennett



Memories of trains several decades earlier: a refrigerated truck on 5MP9, 10<sup>th</sup> October. Photo: Peter Donaghy



Ps 2505, 2516 & 2514 pass through Bringoo with 1720 empty Mt Gibson, 11<sup>th</sup> October. Photo: Phil Melling



CBHs 001 & 002, north of Walkaway with 6G51 grain to Geraldton Port, 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Photo: Phil Melling



4459 & 4375 (4324 & 4476 DPU) run a loaded ore past The Haven camp, 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Photo: Mark Bennett



4459 & 4375 with a loaded ore cross 4376 & 4439 on a single empty rake, The Haven camp, 16<sup>th</sup> October.



New 4493 leads 4442 towards the dumpers at Finucane Island, 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Both photos: Mark Bennett



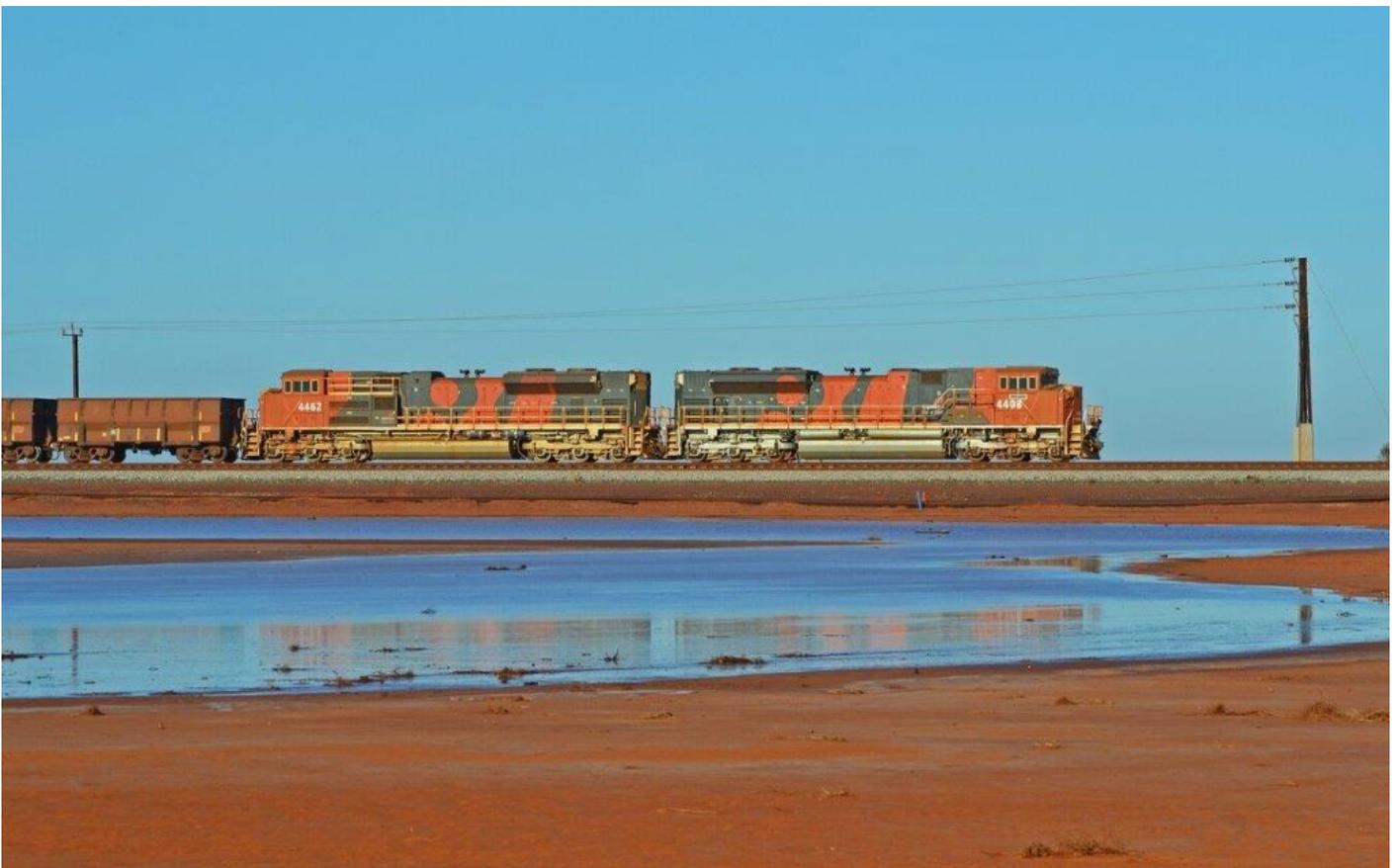
ACNs 4151 & 4170 lead 7763 loaded Karara ore through Bringa (above) and approach the unloader at Geraldton Port (below) as Ps 2515, 2506 & 2502 depart with 7722 empty Mt Gibson, 17<sup>th</sup> October. Both photos: Phil Melling





FL220 stabled between ballast and rail rakes, Hampton ballast siding, 18<sup>th</sup> October.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



4408 & 4462 depart the yard and cross the salt flats with a rake of empties, 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Photo: Mark Bennett



MMYS029, ARC's road/rail ultrasonic rail testing vehicle, West Kalgoorlie, 21<sup>st</sup> October. Photo: Peter Donaghy



4335 leads an empty rail rake across the salt flats en route to Flashbutt, 21<sup>st</sup> October. Photo: Mark Bennett



NR70 brings 7AK2 from Parkeston into West Kalgoorlie, 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



6722 empty Mt Gibson ore waits to depart Geraldton Port behind Ps 2515, 2506 & 2508, 23/10. Photo: Phil Melling



Ps 2505, 2516 & 2514 lead 7720 empty Mt Gibson ore, Moonyoonooka, 24<sup>th</sup> October.

Photo: Phil Melling



After the acid shunt at Hampton, Q4007 returns to West Kal as 7406, 7km peg, 24/10. Photo: Peter Donaghy



7AK2 from Esperance passes the 7km peg near Binduli, led by NR70, 24<sup>th</sup> October.



Clean SCT002 leads SCT007 on 6PM9, Parkeston, 24<sup>th</sup> October.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



Freshly overhauled SCT007 leads SCT005 on 6MP9, Parkeston, 25<sup>th</sup> October. Both photos: Peter Donaghy



NRs 8 & 7, 7MP5; NRs 103 & 27, 2445; Q4007, 2407 L/E to Hampton; NR113, AK cars; West Kalgoorlie, 26/10.



VLs 357 & 361 lead FL220 on 4RT1 rail train to Hampton past Avon Yard, 28<sup>th</sup> October. Photo: Simon Barber



CSR004 & SCT015, 1MP9; NR106, 1MP2; stabled 24hrs due to derailment near Kooly, 28/10. Photo: Peter Donaghy



In late October, the east leg and south junction of Binduli triangle was cut, removed and rebuilt with concrete sleepers (previously all wooden) and new rails. 29<sup>th</sup> October. Both photos: Peter Donaghy





VLs 357 & 361 stabled with FL220 and railset on rail loop, Hampton ballast siding, 29/10. Photo: Peter Donaghy



S3303 hauls an empty bauxite train through Mundijong, 30<sup>th</sup> October. Photo: Mark Bennett



Q4017 pulls an empty acid rake out of Coogee acid terminal, Kwinana, 30<sup>th</sup> October.



An empty bauxite rake passes through Mundijong Junction behind S3305, 31<sup>st</sup> October. Both photos: Mark Bennett



S3308 brings 7966 loaded bauxite through Mundijong Junction, 31<sup>st</sup> October.



Preserved XA1401 stabled at Dwellingup, 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Both photos: Mark Bennett



V4 runs around The Forest Train at Dwellingup, 31<sup>st</sup> October.



P2517 near Harvey with 7863 alumina to Yarloop, 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Both photos: Mark Bennett



Ps 2516, 2504 & 2502 lead 7720 empty Mt Gibson ore through Narngulu East, 31<sup>st</sup> October. Photo: Phil Melling



7832 alumina is led near Beela by ACN4150, 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Photo: Mark Bennett



ACN4150 hauls 7832 alumina between Beela and Brunswick Junction, 31<sup>st</sup> October.



P2512 sits in the Picton Junction prep shed with a loaded alumina rake, 31<sup>st</sup> October. Both photos: Mark Bennett



ACN4152 and the Australind at Picton Junction loco depot, 31<sup>st</sup> October.



ACN4145 arrives on Beela loop with an empty alumina rake, 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Both photos: Mark Bennett



P2509 leads 7854 caustic tanks through Beela, 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Both photos: Mark Bennett





7854 caustic soda tanks behind P2509 at Brunswick Junction, 31<sup>st</sup> October.



P2517 at Brunswick Junction with 7864 Yarloop to Bunbury alumina, 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Both photos: Mark Bennett



DBZ2310 works hard just south of Pinjarra with 7874 alumina from Calcine, 31<sup>st</sup> October.



7972 loaded bauxite behind S3303 at Keysbrook, 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Both photos: Mark Bennett



S3303 passes the Up Home at Mundijong with 7972 loaded bauxite, 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Photo: Mark Bennett



CSRs 010 & 006 depart Parkeston with 6PM9, 31/10. CSR006 later failed near Immarna.

Photo: Peter Donaghy