

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 wagon set CB08 at Cape Lambert being attached to a loaded rake.



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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.





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The 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



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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 'Mijarra' and 4464 'Celebrating 50 Years 1969 to 2019'.





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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'.



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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.





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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.



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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.





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On the 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



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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.



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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.





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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.



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