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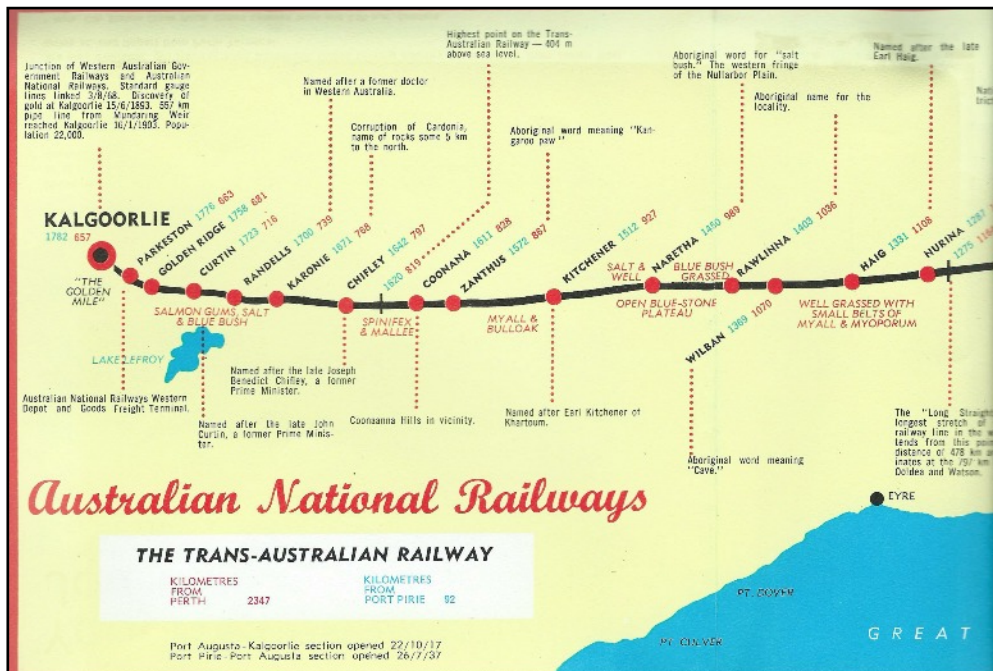


No. 55 Tea & Sugar Train pt.4 - Goonlana

Goonlana is a fictional town, which in the Guard's world is situated somewhere between Cook and Kalgoorlie. Kalgoorlie which is a real town, is located 595 km (370 mi) east-northeast of Perth and founded in 1893 during the gold rush period. Population today is almost 33,000. The name Kalgoorlie is derived from the Wangai word *Karlkurla*, meaning "place of the silky pears". The silky pear is commonly known as a bush banana and can be eaten. The flavour is similar to eating fresh peas. Gold is still mined in the town via an open-cut mine about 2.2 miles wide and 1,680 feet deep. The mine is referred to as a Super Pit.

Goonlana meanwhile used to be a gold mining town, but the gold has dried up and as a result, the population has shrunk and buildings left to deteriorate. We'll find out more about this 'Boss' and what he's up to next issue.

Over the next three pages is a railway map showing the stations between Perth in Western Australia and Port Augustus, South Australia. The map and the train below are from the mid-1970's railway brochure I picked up during our journey.



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