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On February 21st LZ3119 & 42211 haul 6430 sulphur train north on Kalgoorlie-Leonora branch at Broad Arrow a line once slated for closure saw a mixed train a week now three trains a day. Photo John Bollans

Recent, further heavy rainfall in the Pilbara has caused BHPBIO to divert or cancel some trains owing to some minor local flooding. Fortescue Metals have also only experienced some very minor flooding. TM

ARG have short term hired further two locomotives from SCT being SCT005 and SCT014 that arrived at Forrestfield on 3GP1 about 2245 on March 5th.

Hamersley Iron ran a rake of Robe River Iron captive ore cars from Cape Lambert for loading at Brockman mine on March 5th that sees the first run of these cars on Hamersley Iron line and to a HI mine. This also sees the first use of non master/slave cars on HI since this system was adopted in early 1970's. TM



NR27 & NR58 run 1PM5 towards the Swan Valley as its works through Swan View at the commencement of its run to Adelaide and on to Melbourne on March 1st.

Photo Evan Jasper



CLF4 the first bulldog to lead a train on WestnetRail tracks for years runs with G534 hauling QR National intermodal with double stacking through Swan View on March 7th.

Photo Alex Mackay

CLF4 & G534 ran 4AP1 QR National intermodal into Forrestfield on March 5th that saw the first bulldog lead a train on WestnetRail tracks since QR ARG takeover and the return of CLF5 to SA. CLF4 & G534 also led 7PA1 QRN intermodal out on its return run to Adelaide on March 7th.

Gemco Rail have completed more rail train wagons for Fortescue Mining Group with a further three loaded onto semi trailers parked in Gemco yard at Forrestfield on Saturday March 7th awaiting haulage to Port Hedland. As the new rail train wagons are delivered to FMG further ex Darwin line construction sleeper/rail wagons are being returned from Port Hedland to SSRS yard at Bellevue for storage.

DD2357 ran 4302 light engine transfer from Forrestfield to Avon Yard on February 18th, seeing some use as remote unit on Avon wheat trains. DAZ1906, AB1502 and DD2357 ran 3305 light engines to Narrogin on March 3rd that saw DD2357 detached to run to Wagin and stable. P2504, P2513 & DD2357 ran 6663 wheat train from Wagin to Albany on March 6th DD2357 being detached and stabled in repair shed. EJ/SW



D48 on empty rail and ballast hoppers stabled February 27th at Hampton ballast siding on West Kalgoorlie-Esperance line following dropping rail for upgrading line. Photo John Bollans

G516 & CLP13 both in QR National livery ran 7AP1 QRN intermodal and its return 3PA1 on March 3rd to Adelaide that saw the first working of two locomotives in QR National livery on a train in WA.

L3113 following failure ran on very late 7PG1 SCT Parkes service ahead of SCT002 & SCT006.

Construction the of new locomotives for ARG continues at United Group Rail Broadmeadow in NSW with the AC4300 class units appear on schedule for delivery of the first locomotive in April. AC4301 from reports is nearly complete having cab fitted during last week with AC4302 to AC4304 without cabs in various stages of assembly having engines, alternators, radiators and hoods being fitted. PD

Even though there is extensive signage at pedestrian crossings and regular publicity is given by PTA about the dangers of crossing tracks and trespass. The PTA over last week or so seem to have had a spate of near misses with people jumping/going round pedestrian barriers and running in front of EMU's with up to ten incidents on one day.



L3113 to cover a failure leads SCT002 & SCT006 through Bellevue on 3rd March with 12 hours late 7GP1 SCT Parkes service. Photo Jim Bisdee

K210 ran 7S35 ballast train that ballasted at Hines Hill then stabled overnight at West Merredin. 1S35 partly loaded ballast train then ran West Merredin to West Kalgoorlie arriving about 1400 to stable. LW/Jo B

Robe River Deepdale line to Pannawonica remains closed beyond Western Junction as repairs to flood damage sustained by heavy rainfall over recent weeks continues.