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SSRS ZB2125 runs an empty ballast train up the grade and through the cutting at Bringo on March 8th while traversing the Geraldton-Mullewa line. Photo Phil Melling

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The next order of Rio Tinto General Electric EVO ES44DCi locomotives 8140 thru 8150 built at Erie PA were hauled across state in early March under the usual plastic sheeting to Penn Terminals at Eddystone. This small ocean port part of larger Port of Philadelphia PA saw delivery of these locomotives for loading on to heavy lift ship on March 9th for export to Dampier. MJR

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West Australian state government announced on March 9th the belated introduction of WA Seniors/Aged and Disability support pensioners off peak free travel to commence on April 4th. This free travel was originally promised to commence last December to enable eligible persons to make use of this Election Promise prior to Xmas. This free travel will be available on all Transperth train services in Perth between 0900 and 1500 Monday to Friday, all day Saturday, Sunday and on public holidays.





A different Albany shunting tractor ST22 on March 10th still an old Mk111 Chamberlain has been sent for use at Albany this tractor has an enclosed cab making it far more suitable. Photo Stew Winston



NJ1602 crosses DD2357 shunting in Albany yard March 10th who would have thought ex Commonwealth Railways and Queensland Railways locomotives would be working together. Photo Stew Winston





DFZ2407 & DFZ2406 on loaded iron ore train rounding a curve at Wicherina on March 8th making another run from the Ruvinni ore loader to the Port of Geraldton to dump the ore cars. Photo Phil Melling



DFZ2407 & DFZ2406 work up the grade at Bringo cutting on March 8th that typifies the up hill down dale nature of the ARG iron ore roads both at Geraldton and Esperance. Photo Phil Melling



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The shunting tractor at Albany ST317 has been replaced with ST22 a shunting tractor more suited to the climate at Albany by having an enclosed cab being delivered on March 10th. ST317 was loaded onto track and departed Albany about 1500 on March 9th. SW

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South Spur Rail ZB2125 ran ballast train to Geraldton arriving on afternoon of March 7th and stabling overnight at Narngulu. On morning of March 8th ZB2125 ran empty ballast train from Narngulu yard to Mullewa line where it will run ballast trains between Morawa and Perenjori as part of the upgrading to enable Mid West iron ore trains to commence. PM

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Only about 10 of the old type ore cars remain in use on Geraldton iron ore trains as the new recently delivered ore cars enter service. PM

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DD2356 was being used as local shunter at on March 10th Albany it shunted wagon out of workshop onto 3642 empty wheat train then cut out XV wagon due for attention out of 3642 and ran it to workshop. SW

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RC701 Matisa track recorder car was hauled by road to Albany on March 9th following unloading 1500 was then stabled. RC701 departed 1015 to run Albany to Hyden on March 10th. SW



ARG LZ3120 runs round Parkeston triangle while shunting the yards and Loongana plant in early December 2008 it's very rare to see an L class locomotive turned on Parkeston triangle. Photo John Bollans

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