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On March 24th CLF4 & G534 run 3PA1QR National intermodal through South Guildford on what looks like a deserted area but in reality there is a large housing estate close by.

Photo Justin Brown

3101 under repair at SSRS/Gemco at Bellevue has been completed and was towed to Forrestfield on 4168 light engine on March 25th that saw LQ3121 hauled over earlier on 4169 light engine movement.

A school bus carrying nine children attempted to cross Eastern Goldfields Railway about 1530 on March 23rd over a level crossing under repair on Nulla Nulla South Road about 28kms west of Morrine Rock. The bus was unable to cross the level crossing as the front wheels dropped into a 20cm ditch between the tracks and bus became jammed on the track. With SCT Parkes service 3GP1 approaching the driver got all the out of the bus and away from the line. SCT015 & SCT010 on 3GP1 hit the Toyota Coaster a glancing blow that destroyed the front of the bus. Crew of 3PG1 were unhurt and the locomotives were not damaged SCT015 only receiving scratched paint, broken ditch lights etc. The railway was closed for about six hours.

SCT014 was hauled out on combined 1029 Kalgoorlie freight that had 1025 and 1073 loading on Sunday evening March 22nd behind Q4006, L3108, L3115, [dead attached] SCT014 & LZ3111. SCT014 was hauled to Merredin to commence crew training.

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SCT005 runs 4050 wheat train through Thornlie on its way to CBH Kwinana export terminal to unload on March 25th, 050 wheat train usually runs in this section late at night. Photo Brendan Cherry



DFZ2401 & DFZ2407 on empty ore train crest the grade into Northern Gully crossing loop on March 22nd note three old style ore cars at the front of the train that are now not in use. Photo Phil Melling

DC2215 is now yard shunter at Avon Yard taking over from ALZ3208 that has returned to being remote unit on 025/426 Kalgoorlie freights or remote unit on iron ore trains.

L3118 & L3116 both in old Westrail orange livery ran 4058 wheat train to Kwinana on March 25th as there are only three L class locomotives left in this livery it is unusual to see them together on a train.

Construction of the AC4300 class locomotive continues at United Group Rail Broadmeadow NSW with reports indicating that both AC4301 and AC4302 have had their cabs fitted as assembly continues.



DD2357 runs empty woodchip train out of Albany on March 23rd towards Cuthbert on the east west section of Great Southern Railway that runs from Albany to Elleker before heading north. Photo Stew Winston

NJ1605 was hauled out of Albany March 25th behind P2517 & DBZ2303 on 4642 empty wheat train to Wagin. At Wagin the empty wagons were detached and the three light engines ran to Narrogin and Avon. P2504 & DBZ2313 ran light engine Avon Yard to Wagin to change over with P2517 and DBZ2303 that having been running wheat trains from CBH bins in Great Southern to Albany for some time. DC

SCT Parkes service 7PG1 worked by SCT006 & SCT002 scheduled to depart 0500 Saturday didn't depart until about 1245 on March 28th then failed in Swan Valley near Hadrill Road with computer software problems on SCT006. 7PG1 eventually got to bypass road at Jumperkine where attempts to repair SCT006 were unsuccessful. It was then decided to run round and return the train to Forrestfield where SCT002 would be turned on turntable and then run 7GP1 as SCT002/SCT006 [dead attached]. SCT002 was turned and 7GP1 finally departed for a second time at 2150 with unusual combination of both SCT002 and SCT006 being cab forward.

DD2356 and AB1504 were attached at Forrestfield and ran 5260 quartz train to Kwinana on March 26th.



Q4004 relief locomotive propelling failed SSRS ballast train that was being worked by K210 back to Hampton Ballast siding on March 10th. Photo John Bollans



ALZ3208 and G515 multicoupled stabled in West Kalgoorlie yard March 26th waiting to depart on 5426 overnight freight to Forrestfield that also has loading for Kwinana. Photo John Bollans



Built at nearly same time were once owned and part of same Vline railroad fleet now G516 is owned by QR National and G512 by SCT together again in West Kalgoorlie yards on March 8th. Photo John Bollans

DD2357 has settled in running woodchip trains from Albany to Redmond chip mill first with P2517 then with the usual other woodchips locomotive NJ1602. SW

MV Spaarnegracht was at Port Hedland port unloading initial wagons of 336 wagon order for stainless steel ore cars for BHPBIO on March 27th. Further ore cars of the 960 car order for Rio Tinto being built by China Northern Rail are also on board that will be discharged at Dampier. TM

New covered salt containers marked Salt Traffic Only are being progressively placed on Koolyanobbing salt train that will see all the yellow open containers withdrawn
