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LDP005 & LDP006 on 1BM7 intermodal haul dead attached AC4301 on its delivery run across Australia to ARG Forrestfield through North Goulburn NSW on August 17th. Photo Leon Oberg

Further information has come to hand regarding ex NSWGR 4809 reported rebuilt in issue #37 as yet the rebuilding of this locomotive with a Caterpillar engine has not been completed. The locomotive rebuilt and released by Gemco Rail Forrestfield is 864 being renumbered from 48s30 that was delivered to Gemco on 25th July 2008. This locomotive it appears retains its rebuilt Alco engine and was hauled by D48 from loco ladder Forrestfield to Gemco Rail/South Spur yard at Bellevue on August 18th to complete its rebuilding.

LZ3109, SCT003 & DC2215 ran 7025 Kalgoorlie freight out of Forrestfield on August 15th with SCT003 being detached at West Kalgoorlie on 16th then hauled dead attached on 1443 freight to Esperance arriving mid morning on August 17th for crew training. It is believed the two SCT locomotives will be utilised in iron ore pool which is currently 13 Q class [one spare unit now located in Esperance], two G and one L/LZ.

MA1862 hauled gauge converted EMU set #85 from old workshops Midland to Claisebrook on August 20th

Delivery of the AC4300 locomotives model C43aci from builders United Group Rail at Broadmeadow NSW to ARG Forrestfield commenced on August 17th with AC4301 being dead attached to 1BM7 QR National intermodal behind LDP005 & LDP006 at Glenlee yard in Sydney. LDP005 and LDP006 hauled AC4301 to Melbourne where it was detached at North Dynon on August 18th and attached 3MA6 P&O container train. CLP11, CLP13, LDP001 and dead attached AC4301 ran 3MA6 from Melbourne to Adelaide arriving on 19th. On arrival in Adelaide on August 19th AC43001 was detached from 3MA6 and dead attached behind CLP12 & G516 on 4AP1 QR National intermodal for the run to ARG Forrestfield. Unfortunately CLP12 failed on ARTC line and was detached at Nurina about 495kms east of Kalgoorlie on August 20th with G516 hauling the service to Parkeston where LQ3122 was attached to lead of train for the run on WestNet Rail EGR line to Forrestfield. LQ3122, G516 & dead attached AC4301 arrived in Forrestfield about 0500 on August 21st AC4301 was then hauled to workshop for commissioning.



Drifting downgrade into leafy Bridgewater SA are QR National bulldogs CLP11, CLP13, with LDP001 and new dead attached ARG AC4301 on 3MA6 P&O intermodal on August 19th. Photo Nathan Pyle

LZ3111 ran 6WNI light engine from West Kalgoorlie to Nurina on August 21st to rescue CLP12.

LQ3122 & G516 ran 7PA4 QR National intermodal out on August 22nd that saw LQ3122 run through to Adelaide being the first time an L class locomotive has lead a train from Parkeston to Port Augusta. When L class locomotives ran on AN services in mid 1980's they were always remote units.

QR National 2819 that was converted to standard gauge for use on QRN intermodal operations and never a great success was hauled dead attached on 7AP1 intermodal behind CLP10 & CLP9 out of Adelaide on August 15th arriving in Forrestfield about 0710 on 17th. 2819 will be converted back to narrow gauge at ARG Forrestfield workshop and will see use in mineral haulage on ARG services.



CLP12 & G516 haul dead attached AC4301 on 4AP1 QR National intermodal service towards Dry Creek SA triangle having just departed Port Flat for Western Australia on August 19th. Photo Nathan Pyle



LQ3122 leads G516 east on 7PA1 QR National intermodal service through Bellevue on a wet Saturday afternoon is about to pass under Great Eastern Highway Bridge on August 22nd. Photo Brendan Cherry

The next new AC4300 locomotive to be delivered from builders was AC4306 that was again attached to 7BM7 at Glenlee dead attached behind LDP005 & LDP006 on August 23rd and hauled to Melbourne then detached. AC4306 was then attached to 3MA6 P&O container train on 25th behind CLF1, CLF7, CLP9, LDP001 & AC4306 for run to Adelaide where AC4306 was detached. AC4306 was attached to 4AP4 QR National intermodal on August 26th behind CLF7, CLP9, LQ3122 & AC4306 for run to Forrestfield.



Bulldogs CLF1, CLF7, CLP9 with LDP001 and dead attached AC4306 on late running 3MA6 P&O container train as it rounds Fosters Curve in Mt Lofty Ranges SA on August 26th. Photo Nathan Pyle



In rare move bulldogs CLF7 & CLP9 haul LQ3122 in Interail livery and AC4306 run a late 4AP1 QR National intermodal through Two Wells SA on August 26th. Photo Nathan Pyle



LDP005 & LDP006 attaching AC4301 at QR National Glenlee yard in NSW on August at the commencement of its delivery run across Australia to ARG Forrestfield WA. Photo Mark Bennett

AB1501 has been repaired following removal from storage and was released to traffic being at narrow gauge loco on August 20th.

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