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DBZ2303 runs the empty morning six days per week Bauxite Recourses service through Greenmount on its run to Mooliabeenee for another load of bauxite ore on October 24th. Photo Brendan Cherry

DB2309 running 5260 quartz train hit a vehicle that had failed to stop at a private farm road level crossing that has stop signs and look out for trains notice in the vicinity of Nolan Road Muchea about 1130 on October 29th. The vehicle driver the only occupant being killed on impact, crew of 5260 were not injured and damage to DB2309 was very minor left front handrail torn off and some scratches to the paintwork.

MA1862 ran 6UW1 light engine to old workshops Midland on October 30th to attach then haul newly gauge converted EMU set #86 to Claisebrook as 6UW2 from where it would be then hauled by an EMU set to Nowergup for commissioning.

Hotham Valley Railway ran the last steam trip of the season from Pinjarra to Dwellingup on October 28th on a very wet more like mid winter day that saw W920 run 4H11 to Dwellingup. G123 used on the Etmilyn services running out of Dwellingup was hauled back to Pinjarra behind W920 on the return service for its annual maintenance.



W920 and G123 both tender first run 4H12 steam special from Dwellingup October 28th the final few km Alumina Junction to Pinjarra on WestNet Rail track on last steam run of 2009 season. Photo Jim Bisdee



CLP11 in QRN livery & CLF7 in old ARG G&W livery elephant style Bulldogs run 7PA1 QR National intermodal through Hadrill Road Brigadoon on October 24th. Photo Alex Mackay



NR62 still with National Rail diamonds & NR16 with its unique rail safety message run 1PS6 intermodal service to Sydney through Middle Swan on October 25th. Photo Alex Mackay



NR16 with the South Australian government's unique rail safety message on its side. Photo Alex Mackay

Public Transport Authority released its 19th annual survey of some 3000 regular bus and train users on October 29th. It that found a high degree of public satisfaction with 89% being satisfied with trip speed, personal safety during the day, cleanliness of trains and stations and ticketing on train system. Insufficient parking in park and ride facilities on Joondalup and Mandurah lines was raised but a further 3000 car parking bays will be added on those lines in the next year. Personal safety on trains was an issue causing concern to many people having to travel at night on Armadale or Midland lines.

P2507 & P2516 are running the grain train into Albany since around October 19th replacing P2501 and P2515 that had ran the service following its resumption. DD2359 and NJ1602 are running woodchip service but DBZ2308 long end leading on west end and NJ1602 on east end ran it on October 19th.



G123 & W920 run light engine through the yards at Dwellingup during a heavy shower of rain that causes the locomotives to give off an impressive steam show on October 28th. Photo Jim Bisdee

NR88 & NR115 on 4WP2 Pacific National steel train had to detach a faulty wagon and shunt it into the refuge siding at Toodyay West on November 1st making the service nearly three hours late into Kewdale.
