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At Meckering on November 12th SCT002 in CBH loop, Q4002 on 6055 empty wheat in crossing loop, 6085 Kalgoorlie Prospector bypassing 6055 empty, three trains, three different owners. Photo Dusty Wade

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SCT002 was stabled at CBH loop Meckering till night of November 16th when it was attached to lead of 6MP9 ahead of SCT010 & SCT011 running back to SCT Forrestfield yard to be stabled.

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Wheat season is now under way with three standard gauge grain trains again running, owing to locomotive shortages DC2206 was removed from storage at Forrestfield and returned to service to run 5051/5052 grain train to Avon Yard Northam and return on November 19th.

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Steam locomotive Kimberley [0-4-0 tank] preserved at Carnarvon following some maintenance was steamed at Heritage Precinct Babbage Island on November 17th. The old line from jetty heritage precinct to Carnarvon town centre is still in situ but requires bridge repairs and heavy maintenance till the line would again be trafficable. It is the aim of local heritage committee to restore the line and run steam trains from town to jetty.





EMU set #87 on delivery run to Transperth on rear 2MP3 steel train runs through Meckering in late afternoon of November 12th passing stabled SCT002 the closest these two items will ever be. Photo Dusty Wade



2482 hauling DFZ2406 through yard at QR Redbank workshops following being wheeled being run to wheel lathe for attention on November 13th. Photo Allan Ward





RA212 arriving in Narngulu yard on ballast train November 11th RA212 originally RA1917 was converted to standard gauge in 1974 is 35 years since this locomotive was last in the mid west. Photo Phil Melling



DEFZ2404 & DFZ2401 on 7713 Mt Gibson ore train unloading at Geraldton Port on November 14th even though two DFZ have gone to Queensland those remaining still run ore trains. Photo Phil Melling



ARG repaired SCT002 collapsed bearing in Forrestfield workshop overnight November 20/21st with locomotive then stabled on loco ladder awaiting collection by SCT shunter on 22nd. SCT002 ran 1PM9 out on evening of 22nd ahead of SCT003 & SCT001.

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G534 & CLF4 with dead attached 6001 following failure, the first 6000 to run to WA was on late 4AP1 arriving mid morning at Forrestfield on November 20th. Return service 7PA1 QR National intermodal ran as G534, CLF4 dead attached 6001 with further 16 ex Goldsworthy ore cars on rear making 96 so far hauled to Adelaide for CFCLA.

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South Spur Rail that has not run any infrastructure trains for some weeks ran 2S69 empty ballast train from flashbutt Bellevue onto Midland Railway line to undertake ballasting in mid west on November 9th. D48 ran 2S35 empty ballast train of AHBV hoppers from Bellevue to Kalgoorlie also on 9th to undertake ballasting in Eastern Goldfields area being stabled at Hampton ballast siding on 18th.

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NR121 & NR69 on 1PS6 intermodal at Greenmount on November 15th both in Pacific National stars livery that on present painting programme sees another locomotive repainted about weekly. Photo Justin Brown

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Coote Industrial/Greentrains 864 was lifted of its front bogie at Bellevue on November 13th and placed on jacks. 864 had Coote logos and cab side numbers applied on 16th its bogie repairs have not been completed.

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Q4010 ran its load trial following overhaul attached to lead of 2058 wheat train ahead of Q4011 from Forrestfield to Kwinana on November 9th. Q4010 was released to traffic on 16th was loading at Metro Grain Centre on 17th then ran as 3056 grain train to Kwinana.

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Testing of each type of locomotive in preparation for the eventual introduction of an ICSS [in cab signalling system] on BHPBIO took place on GML main at Port Hedland over period November 8th to 16th.



DAZ1902, DD2358 & S3307 run 2260 quartz train under threatening skies at Kewdale on November 16th this train often used as locomotive balancing train again sees DAZ1902 allocated to 260. Photo Jim Bisdee

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Number of power failures occurred on suburban system on November 17th resulting in no CCTV cameras on Joondalup line all day. On 18th there was no CCTV coverage at Whitfords and Warwick most of the day. CTC panel was also lost for a short time on Armadale line on 17th.

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