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EMU set #86 test train on a commissioning trial of the new EMU set approaching Bull Creek Station on December 9th on the return run from Mandurah to Nowergup depot.

Photo Geoffrey Higham

Owing to DBZ2307 failing on 3743 empty at Forrestfield on December 1st P2508 spare locomotive at Forrestfield ran the Bauxite Ltd Mooliabeenee to Kwinana bauxite trains from 1st till 3rd. DBZ2307 resumed on 4th then with DBZ2305 on 5th and 8th that saw the loaded service to Kwinana cancelled and bauxite service did not run for the rest of the week. Bauxite Recourses is facing opposition from both local residents and the Chittering Shire Council to its mining plans.

Avonlink Railcars are again stabled over the weekend on the dead end stabling point at Avon Yard Northam.

NR27 ran 1004 empty Indian Pacific passenger cars to East Perth Terminal as usual about 0600 on December 6th as extensive track works were underway at Midland it was not possible to turn NR27 on Woodbridge triangle and it could not run Indian Pacific long end leading. NR121 facing the right way to lead Indian Pacific ran light engine to East Perth with NR27 returning to Kewdale then running 1PM7 with NR73.



Recently overhauled and repainted Q4010 on December 6th showing Zero Harm and Targeting Zero Injuries stickers on the cab sides as ARG continues its efforts to reinforce the safety message. Photo Brendan Cherry



NR77 & AN5 both in Pacific National stars livery run 4WP2 steel, mixed freight and intermodal up the grade through Seabrook just east of Northam in usual dry country side on December 6th. Photo Alex Mackay



Kalgoorlie revisited NR54 & NR11 run 7MP7 high speed intermodal with NR54 trailerail unit on what was originally trailerail service at Binduli on September 27th. Photo Brendan Cherry



How things change in a short time this photo was taken on September 27th of NR101 & NR30 in indigenous livery at Binduli on 6SP6 now impossible to get with NR30 been repainted. Photo Brendan Cherry

2819 that has spent well over three months stored outside old locomotive test shed at northern end of Forrestfield was yard hauled into the workshop on December 8th.

S3311 has been repainted into ARG yellow livery following overhaul and was outside Forrestfield workshop on December 10th returning to service on 11th.



Q4016 runs 7C74 cement shunt from Parkeston to West Kalgoorlie passing Kalgoorlie Station on September 26th revived this year again sees stunting trains running between the two yards. Photo Brendan Cherry

To enable the ARG Forrestfield workshops to have a standard gauge shunter surplus locomotive DC2206 was transferred to the workshop as works shunter on December 4th.

6001, 6003 & CLF4 ran QR National intermodal 4AP1 arriving Forrestfield in early morning on December 11th returning interstate on afternoon of December 12th as 6003, 6001 dead attached CLF4 that saw the first run of multiple 6000 units on this service.

201 former Goldsworthy Mining 70 ton ore cars purchased from BHPB Iron Ore by CFCLA have been hauled out to the new owners in Adelaide on nine QRN services between November 7th and December 12th.

Narngulu coal train 546/548 owing to downturn in mineral sands industry now only operates infrequently but it is also used for locomotive and wagon transfers to and from Forrestfield. This now sees light engines running the 400km+ to affect locomotive charge overs as occurred on December 7th when P2505 ran to Forrestfield and P2508 to Narngulu.



6001, 6003 & CLP4 on QR National 4AP1 intermodal arrives at Parkeston on December 10th crossing NA1874 on 5MR21 ballast train departing to undertake night ballasting on ARTC line. Photo John Bollans