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QR National 6001, 6003 & CLF4 run 4AP1 intermodal past Kalgoorlie Station on late afternoon of December 10th on the first run of two QRN 6000 class locomotives on WestNet track. Photo John Bollans

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2819 that was moved into ARG workshop Forrestfield on 8th was hauled from Forrestfield to United Group Rail Bassendean on December 18th to be converted back to narrow gauge. This conversion will see 2819 revert back to a narrow gauge locomotive as originally built and operated in Queensland before conversion to standard gauge. This locomotive saw use on QR National Interail services on the east coast before being transferred to ARG in WA in August.

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About 0730 on December 17th EMU A series set #05 on an Armadale bound service suffered problems approaching McIver station that resulted in damage to EMUs pantograph and catenary damage just east of Moore Street in Perth. This failure caused significant problems in peak hour that were confined to Armadale and Thornlie services owing to way Perth suburban system operates. As power had been shut down on this section EMU set #05 was hauled from McIver station to Claisebrook EMU depot by MA1862 that saw its first use in rescuing a failed service for a number of years. With access denied to platforms #4 and #5 in Perth station by power being shut off, Thornlie services were cancelled and Armadale services only ran but stopping all stations out of platform #9. Full services resumed after catenary repairs about 1200.



NA1874 & 8044 on 5MR1 South Spur Rail ballast train waiting to depart Parkeston on December 10th to undertake night ballasting between Coonana and Zanthus on ARTC Trans line. Photo John Bollans



8049 stabled on Engineers siding at Parkeston with four loaded ARTC ballast cars not required for 5MR1 SSRS ballast train on December 10th. Photo John Bollans

Ticket Vending Machines on suburban system have been suffering failures recently with a few machines out of order at stations on all lines each day. While on Sunday December 13th there were nearly 50% of all TVMs on the suburban system out of order.

EMU set #88 was hauled from Walkers siding to Maryborough West by local shunter on December 16th then attached to train number Y752 to be hauled to Acacia Ridge for bogie exchange. Following bogie exchange on 17th set #88 was attached to 5BW4 steel train to run to Marandoo arriving on 18th. At Marandoo EMU set #88 and cover wagons were detached then attached to rear 7NY3 on 19th for run to Port Augusta.

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L3113 ran 4158/4171 Kwinana shunt service on December 16th with CLP10 dead attached as works trial following repairs to number 1 end bogie at Forrestfield. This movement will probably be the last run of a CLP/CLF class locomotive between Forrestfield and Kwinana.

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Indian Pacific services into Perth on Saturday with departure for Adelaide on Sunday ran for last time in 2009 with the December 5th arrival that was also the Christmas Entertainment Special with concerts in remote areas featuring singer Shannon Noal. Sunday departure saw the special cars used on the concert special dead headed back to Adelaide.

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DAZ1906, DAZ1903 both in old Westrail yellow livery lead DBZ2308 in old ARG/G&W livery run empty triple headed wheat train through Bellevue on December 10th. Photo Jim Bisdee

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DC2206 the only DC locomotive setup for DOO running was withdrawn from ARG workshop and is now stabled in loco dead end. DC2213 was removed from stow road on December 14th and transferred to ARG Forrestfield workshop to be the standard gauge shunter.

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NJ1605 that underwent heavy repair at ARG Forrestfield workshop being completed on December 18th was attached to lead of 7303 empty wheat train at Forrestfield on December 19th ahead of AB1534, DAZ1905 & DBZ2308 for the run back to Avon Yard Northam.



L class locomotives are still used to run the heavy overnight 025/426 freight trains to and from Kalgoorlie with LZ3120, LZ3111 & L3118 on 5426 at Bellevue on December 18th. Photo Jim Bisdee

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ARTC are to undertake extensive track works to interstate system in Dynon area of Melbourne also north and south of Adelaide at a few locations over the period 1000 December 26th to 0600 29th that will result in no interstate freight services running out of Melbourne or Adelaide to Perth over that period.

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Days of huge crowds trying to get home after the Christmas Paget are over as it is now a Sunday morning event in Perth not the huge event it was when held on a Saturday night at the start of December. Saturday night Christmas Paget saw all the regular and extra trains crowded not this year the extra morning services were no where near capacity.

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WISHING ALL READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS



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