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DBZ2312 on Ewington bound coal train climbs the grade into the Worsley crossing loop on Brunswick to Collie line on February 3rd DBZ2312 will crest the scarp just east of the loop. Photo Don Copley

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BHPIO SD40 locomotive present disposition ten units are stored at Finucane Island or Port Hedland; 3080 blue and yellow IC&E livery, 3081, 3082, 3083, 3084, 3085 all ex Union Pacific SD40-2 never painted in BHPBIO bubble livery remained in undercoat, 3086, 3088, 3090 and 3092 all in BHPBIO bubble livery. Ten SD40 locomotives are still in service; 3078, 3078 blue and yellow livery IC&E livery, 3087, 3089, 3091, 3093, 3094, 3095, 3096 and 3097 all BHPBIO bubble livery.

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BHPB Iron Ore locomotive fleet: AC6000 8 numbered 6070 to 6077, Dash 8 40 numbered 5630 to 5699, SD70MACe and l/c 55 numbered 4301 to 4355, SD40 10 operational, 10 stored; fleet total 113 locomotives.

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3056 grain train into Forrestfield on February 9th was a DPU [distributed power] test train that was AC4308 loaded grain hoppers AC4307. AC locomotives were detached at Forrestfield and L3110 & LZ3103 ran the service to CBH Kwinana to unload.





P2513 long end leading departs Walkaway crossing loop on January 25th with the empty Eneabba mineral sands train with some of the Walkaway wind farm turbines loom in background. Photo Phil Melling



It is still possible to get two DFZ locomotives on an iron ore train at Geraldton with DFZ2405 & DFZ2401 hauling the empty train out of the unloader on January 23rd. Photo Phil Melling





RA212 spent few days spot ballasting between Morawa and Perenjori in late January here RA212 is with ballast train at Koolanooka following loading on January 31st. Photo Phil Melling



DD2356 & DB2311 on Hamilton caustic soda tankers run through Brunswick as they enter the Collie line for the steep climb up the grades to Hamilton on February 3rd. Photo Don Copley



8122 arrived at Kewdale on 6MP5 behind NR19 & NR46 on February 8th to be replacement Kewdale yard shunter with 8039 then returned interstate on 2PM5 behind NR49 & NR11.

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AK car inspection train arrived at Kalgoorlie from interstate on February 9th behind G&W 2210 that was detached and stabled at loco. South Spur D48 ran light engine from Bellevue to Kalgoorlie on 9th to run AK cars while on WestNet track. D48 ran 4CO2 AK car inspection train from Kalgoorlie to Forrestfield on 10th arriving in afternoon, AK cars laid over at Forrestfield on 11th with D48 again hauling cars to Kalgoorlie departing Forrestfield 0600 on 12th. D48 ran the inspection train from Kalgoorlie to Esperance on 13th returning from Esperance to Kalgoorlie on 14th.

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S3301 arrives at Collie yard on coal train from the mines to the east of town on February 3rd here crew will change and locomotive may be trip serviced prior to running to unloaders. Photo Don Copley

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The last locomotive to be painted in the Westrail orange livery would have been in around 1996 over 15 years ago. In 2010 it still possible to get two locomotives Westrail orange livery working together with P2504 and AB1502 running on wheat trains. These units ran through Midland around 0700 on empty wheat train into Avon Valley on February 13th and 14th.

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4AP1 attached empty water and fuel tankers at Cook and hauled them back to Forrestfield arriving before dawn on February 12th.

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Rio Tinto subsidiary Robe River Iron Associates line to its new Mesa A mine has been completed it branches of present Deepdale line at 191km. This new Mesa A mine will take over from present Deepdale mine at Mesa J that is now nearly mined out. The Mesa A line is about 20 odd kilometres long a new line that was built from about mid to late 2009. A load out test trail train of ten Robe type wagons was loaded at Mesa A on February 3rd being hauled by Evo 8104 and two original Hamersley Iron dash 9 locomotives. A further crossing loop at Churdy Pool around 168 to 171km on this line has been commissioned.





NR96 & AN4 run 6PM5 on February 5th with now rare NR and AN combination through Herne Hill this is one of the few intermodal services left that still depart around 1100 in the morning. Photo Alex Mackay



Once a common sight in National Rail days of cab front and long hood diamonds now rarely seen especially two locomotives with diamonds like NR62 & NR53 on 1PM7 at Midland on January 31st. Photo Jim Bisdee





Q4018 & LQ3122 run 2474 salt train from Koolyanobbing a place better known for iron ore mines in the evening light through Kewdale to Kwinana on February 2nd. Photo Jim Bisdee

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AD1520 and AD1521 have been transferred back to Avon Yard Northam following being used at Picton in recent months. Their place has been taken by having two DAZ locomotives operating in the South West.

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