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Cruise ship Pacific Sun berthed in Port of Geraldton is flanked by DAZ1901 and an XW grain hopper as the DAZ runs round its train after unloading at CBH grain complex on February 1st. Photo Phil Melling

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S3309 the only S class locomotive painted in ARG [G&W] red and black livery is undergoing an overhaul at Forrestfield workshop and will be repainted in ARG [QR] yellow livery on completion.

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DAZ1902 remains allocated to Picton but two further DAZ locomotives have been transferred to Kwinana DAZ1903 and DAZ1906 and are running caustic tanker and alumina trains.

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New yellow concentrate hopper WNB542 that has BHP Billiton written on its sides was delivered from Adelaide by 4WP2 being detached at West Kalgoorlie yards on February 6th. This hopper is modified and improved WN nickel concentrate wagon with extra handrails and platforms around top loading hatches was being commissioned in cordoned off area on 9th.

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ARG are conducting a competition among their staff members only to name the recently obtained AC4300 class locomotives with suggestions being requested by February 26th.





DFZ2401 & P2509 on empty grain train of XW wagons pulling into Morawa on January 31st to load at CBH wheat bin then run back to CBH Geraldton complex to unload. Photo Phil Melling



S3305 on former QR woodchip wagons used for export coal haulage from Ewington to Port of Fremantle export terminal at Kwinana heading north out of Brunswick on February 3rd. Photo Don Copley





DBZ2312 on empty coal train runs through Ewington Junction as it heads to Griffin Coal Mining Co loader at Ewington mine to be loaded on February 3rd.  
Photo Don Copley



Q4013 fresh from overhaul and repainting in ARG [QR] yellow livery is stalled at Forreestfield loco awaiting its next assignment on February 13th.  
Photo Evan Jasper





QRN 6007, 6006 & dead attached CLF4 on 7PA1 at Woodbridge on February 6th with over 100,000 litres of water in first two tankers and 300,000 litres of diesel in next five tankers for Cook SA. Photo Jim Bisdee



P2501 & P2506 run round 5323 wheat train at Mclevie at the end of the line on February 11th, this gravel ballasted line that was once a through line to Geraldton is under threat of closure. Photo Don Copley





No longer used #527 former workshops shunter in front of withdrawn 42211 and DC2215 are stowed on the wheel lathe dead end road at Forrestfield on February 11th. Photo Evan Jasper



RA212 on 5S25 rail train at the 386km peg on Avon yard to Albany GSR railway in Kendenup the area dropping rail as part of the track work being undertaken on February 18th. Photo Stew Winston



PTA train control introduced ARS [Automatic Route Setting] of the CTC signalling at 2010 February 18th on Thornlie line, followed at 2015 on Armadale line. Under this system a service at terminating station does not get a proceed indication to commence its run until one minute before the service is timetabled to depart. As the service passes a proceed signal the next signal in advance clears to proceed and so on setting up the signals that may result in drivers being able to red signals in the distance.

D48 hauled AK car track inspection cars to Leonora on February 15th returning to Kalgoorlie around 2245. D48 returned light engine from Kalgoorlie to Bellevue on 16th, with 2210 departing on 17th running AK inspection train interstate over ARTC line.



AC4306 on head end with AC4307 on rear of 3056 loaded grain train operating as DPU test train running through Midland on February 9th. Photo Jim Bisdee

Q4007 has been fitted with protective roller blind to cover the windscreens this would have been done to protect the windscreen from iron ore particles when DPU driver tuition and trials were undertaken.

Another locomotive change over took place at Yealering on February 14th where Merredin locomotives AB1503 and DAZ1904 ran light engine to Yealering where they swapped over with AB1502 from Avon that is now operating out of Merredin with AB1504.