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DBZ2303, NJ1605 & NJ1602 run 1307 empty woodchip wagon and locomotive movement from Avon Yard to Albany south of Northam on April 18th. Photo Alex Mackay

Eastbound Pacific National intermodal 5PS6 worked by NR50 & NR6 near 1187km in Mundrabilla area hit and killed two camels about 1745 that broke brake pipe on front of NR50 causing train to loose air and come to standstill. Camels are big animals and luckily they did not derail 5PS6 as they were splattered over front of NR50. Crew put a bung in the brake pipe repairing it the off side jumper cable was also damaged. This is the second instance in recent months of a locomotive hitting a camel on the central Trans line both times only minor damage occurred and crews were not injured.

New Transperth EMU set #90 departed Acacia Ridge Qld on 6BW4 steel train on April 23rd with EMU set #90 being detached at Morandoo NSW on 24th. The EMU was attached to 7NY3 steel train on April 24th passing through Broken Hill on Sunday 25th then detached at Port Augusta and stabled. EMU set #90 was attached to rear of 7WP2 steel train at Port Augusta on 26th arriving at Kewdale in early hours of morning on April 28th. Pacific National yard shunter and transfer locomotive 8039 hauled EMU set #90 to old workshops Midland to have its narrow gauge power bogies fitted around midday on 28th.



Following failure of 6001 at Forrestfield L3118 was run with 6003 on QR National intermodal 7PA1 to Adelaide, QRN 6001 & ARG L3118 run through Calomba SA on April 26th. Photo Daven Walters



AC4302 runs 4430 empty sulphur train from Malcolm through Kwinana on April 15th only a short distance from where it will be loaded for another 800+km run to northern goldfields. Photo Simon Barber



P2504 runs 1302 export wheat train York to CBH terminal Kwinana on GSR line along the western side of Northam on April 18th. Photo Alex Mackay



DFZ2405 long end leading showing retro fitted toilet on long hood walk way yard shunter on April 15th at Narngulu yard shunting iron ore cars. Photo Evan Jasper



S3309 fresh from overhaul dwarfs DD2359 as they run 6LE2 light engines Forrestfield to Kwinana on April 16th, S3309 now in ARG yellow livery was the only S class in ARG [G&W] red livery. Photo Alex Mackay



P2501 hauls PA2819 just released by UGR Bassendean following conversion back to narrow gauge down the west leg of Woodbridge triangle on April 27th. Photo Jim Bisdee



DBZ2305 on 2357 empty export coal train runs through Wellard on April 15th through the mist on a rare wet day at the commencement of its return run to Collie to load. Photo Simon Barber



DBZ2312 & DAZ1903 on 5556 export coal train runs west from Mundijong Junction on its run to Kwinana to dump its load April 15th. Photo Simon Barber

QR National 6001 due to run on QRN intermodal 7PA1 out of Forrestfield failed before departure on April 24th to enable the service to run ARG L3118 was attached to run as remote unit with 6003 to Adelaide. L3118 returned as remote unit again behind 6003 on 4MP1 intermodal departing Adelaide on April 28th and arriving back in Forrestfield on 30th. 6001 ran as remote unit on 7MP1 behind 6003 intermodal Forrestfield to Adelaide on May 1st following its repair by ARG.



An overhead view of QR National 6003 & ARG L3118 on 7PA1 intermodal entering Dry Creek North Yard in South Australia on April 26th. Photo Andrew McGregor

Anzac Day April 25th fell on a Sunday but Transperth ran its early morning special services on all lines to Perth to enable people to get to dawn service at Kings Park.

ex QR 2819 converted back to narrow gauge at UGR Bassendean and now PA2819 was hauled by P2501 from Bassendean to Forrestfield on April 27th following its release.

To enable fleet of XNW grain wagons to go through RailBam detector at Millendon AB1503, AB1501 & AB1504 ran 7462 locomotives and empty wagon movement Merredin to Forrestfield and 1463 return over long weekend of 24th to 26th April.