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DBZ2308 hauls 5376 locomotive and coach movement Y1101 Australind coach AYC512 and AM313 coach through Guildford on May 13th from Midland to Rail Heritage Museum. Photo Justin Brown

MA1862 ran from Claisebrook to old workshops Midland on March 14th to collect EMU set #90 and haul it to Claisebrook following fitting of narrow gauge power bogies. EMU set #90 was wrong way round being BEB590 at Clarkson end when should be at Mandurah end, then with BET690 and BEA490. In order to get the set the right way round MA1862 ran 3UW1 on May 18th from Claisebrook to Forrestfield then to flasbut Midland and onto Midland station to turn the set on the Woodbridge triangle . EMU set #90 was later hauled to Nowergup to commence commissioning.

Section from Parkeston in WA to Cook in SA on the Trans line is 867kms train order worked under control of one train controller owing to size of Australia some days on this line are extremely busy while others have far less traffic. It is on these more quite days that Train Authorities are issued to run in some cases further than across a lot of countries like proceed from Parkeston to Forrest 640kms issued on May 11th to 3PW4, Reid to Curtin 617kms issued on May 10th to 1MP3. Often these TAs are issued to steel trains as they are usually last train to depart but they have a run of hundreds of kilometres before a crossing. 4PM6 issued with a TA proceed from Kitchener to Cook 598kms on May 12th showing even intermodal services can get a long run.



Rare sight of QR National 6000 and SCT locomotive on same train 3MP1 as QRN 6006 hauls dead attached SCT007 through High Wycombe at sunup on May 14th. Photos above: Simon Barber below: Alex Mackay





Few hours later on May 14th very late SCT service 3MP9 with SCT015 and QRN CLP13 running through Midland again with SCT and QRN locomotives on same train. Photo Alex Mackay



Same train a different place SCT015 & CLP13 on SCT service 3MP9 now only a couple of kilometres out of Forrestfield runs through Hazelmere on May 14th. Photo Simon Barber



MA1862 hauls EMU set #90 out of old workshops Midland on 6UW2 empty EMU movement on May 14th on the only track remaining out of the once extensive network there. Photo Justin Brown



DBZ2308 hauling preserved shunter Y1101 on probably what will be its last run on the main line with AYC512 and AM313 climb the grade out of Woodbridge on 5376 on May 13th. Photo Simon Barber

BHP Billiton Iron Ore SD70MACe 4332 has been named Integrity and 4343 named Hildich.

Transperth EMU set #91 [BEA491, BET691, BEB591] has been completed and was hauled from builder Bombardier/EDI at Maryborough to Maryborough West by a local shunt on May 19th. EMU set #91 was attached to train number Y752 and hauled to Acacia Ridge arriving during early hours of 20th where its narrow gauge transfer bogies were replaced by standard gauge transfer bogies for delivery run by Pacific National across Australia. Following bogie exchange EMU set #91 was attached to rear of 6BW4 steel train and hauled to Morandoo on 21st where it was detached following arrival on 22nd. At Morandoo EMU set #91 was attached to the rear of 7NY3 on 22nd behind NR71, NR119 & NR87 for the run to Port Augusta.



P2511 & P2505 shunt grain train at Tambellup on May 14th prior to commencing loading at CBH wheat bin that has only seen rail loading for first time this year in last few days. Photo Don Copley

A second grain set was run to Geraldton on May 18th departing in early hours of morning that also hauled the AHCF ore cars stored in narrow gauge arrivals following end of their use on the now completed bauxite trial services out of Mooliabeenee. P2510, P2501 & DFZ2404 ran 3755 with the empty wheat wagons to be loaded at Carnamah on lead and the empty ore cars on rear.

The Eneabba mineral sands train is still running on its night time schedule out of Geraldton in the evening with return in the early hours of the morning with it due to end in about a week as the mine is mined out. Over last three days [21st/22nd/23rd] this service only ran on 22nd was cancelled on the other two days.

ALZ3208 was attached between two Q class units on 2416 empty ore train at Binduldi on late at night on May 17th replacing LZ3103, LZs and ALF are on ore trains owing to shortage of Q class units.



QRN 6003 & CLP11 run very short 6MP1 QR National intermodal that departs Forrestdfield Friday morning at Woodbridge on May 14th.

Photo Alex Mackay



DFZ2407 & DFZ2401 run loaded Mt Gibson iron ore train up the grades through Wicherina on its run from the mines to the port of Geraldton on May 15th.

Photo Phil Melling



AC4301 runs 6051 empty grain through Bellevue on May 15th with Avonlink commuter service from Northam in background crossing over onto the Metro line at Midland. Photo Alex Mackay