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MA1862 is smoking like a steam locomotive as it runs light engine through dual gauge loop at Midland on June 18th running to the old workshops to collect EMU set #91 then haul it to Claisebrook. Photo Justin Brown

Nine BHPBIO SD70MACe locomotives were hauled in two movements from MacMillan yard Toronto to Montreal for export with six #4356, #4357, #4358, #4359, #4360 and #4362 departing on June 7th arriving at the docks on 9th while #4361, #4363 and #4364 arrived at the docks for loading on 13th. Heavy lift ship Jumbo Fairlift arrived in Port of Montreal on 15th to load these nine locomotives, following loading Fairlift departed for Port Hedland on June 19th.

MA1862 ran from Claisebrook EMU depot to collect EMU set #91 following fitting of its narrow gauge power bogies and haul it to Claisebrook where it will then be hauled to Nowergup for commissioning. The final four EMU units of this contract sets #91 through #94 will be commissioned and given builders trials then stored until Clarkson line is extended to Butler as was the case with a number of EMUs while Mandurah line was being built.

AK inspection train ran was run from Kalgoorlie to Esperance by D49 on June 11th returning on June 12th departing Esperance at 0600 for the run to Kalgoorlie via the all crossing loops for recording purposes.



P2502 & P2515 on 4759 empty wheat train on to Midland Railway crosses Q4006 on 4056 standard gauge wheat train at Midland on June 16th. Photo Justin Brown



D49 runs AK car track recording train just east of Doodlakine on its return run from Avon Yard to Kalgoorlie on June 10th note video camera mounted above the coupler. Photo Stew Winston



NR28 runs weekly Indian Pacific passenger service between Perth and Sydney out of West Merredin on June 9th. Photo Pat Winston



LZ3111 runs 5474 salt train through West Merredin on its run to Kwinana on June 10th. Photo Pat Winston



AC4302 on 3430 empty sulphur train runs under the signal gantries in early morning light at west end of Avon Yard Northam on June 9th.

Photo Pat Winston



Q4010 departing West Merredin on 5058 wheat train to Kwinana on June 10th.

Photo Pat Winston

Some 900 tons of rail has been delivered to Port Hedland by ship for BHPB Iron Ore Newman main line duplication works and has been trucked from port to flash butt depot over last week or so. This rail is about 75km of track and will be used to extend the duplicate line south from Mooka.

Use of LZ and ALZ locomotives on Esperance Koolyanobbing iron ore trains has ended following return of Q class units from repair and maintenance at Forrestfield. These ore train services are again worked with combination of AC and Q class units.



At sunset QRN 6006 and leased LDP002 depart Forrestfield with 3PM1 intermodal on June 8th. Photo Jim Bisdee

Another of the Yilgan miners has entered into a rail haulage agreement on its iron ore deposit, Mineral Resources Ltd has entered into an agreement with QR Freight to haul ore from its Carina project to Kwinana. This mine in the Mt Walton area north east of Southern Cross is 576kms from Kwinana that will see an initial production of 4 Million tons raising to 10 million ton pa after three years. Production is planned to commence in January 2011 with first ore train due to run on March 15th 2011 to Kwinana for export.