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LDP004 & CLF1 runs QR National intermodal 7PM1 that has double stacking behind crew car round curve at Stratton at the entrance to Swan Valley on June 19th. Photo Mike Forster

LDP004 and CLF1 ran 3PM1 and 7PM1 QR National intermodal services into Forrestfield on June 18th then out the following day. This was the first time a leased LDP locomotive had led a service onto or out of the QRN intermodal terminal in WA. LDP locomotives have been to Forrestfield before but as remote units.

For the first time in a number of years two grain trains are operating on the southern end of the Midland Railway line with 759/758 running out of Moora CBH bin while 756/757 is operating out of Watheroo. These services commenced operating on June 20th and have run daily over the past week a service has also ran out of Geraldton CBH export terminal to Carnamah.

DAZ1905 and AB1502 ran light engine to West Merredin from Avon yard on June 20th as locomotive changeover that saw AB1501 and AB1504 return light engine to Avon Yard.

L3108 is the standard gauge yard shunter at Avon Yard Northam.



NR29, NR68, with dead attached NR79, NR18 & yard shunter 8039 being returned interstate for repair run 1PM5 through South Guildford on June 20th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



P2502 & P2515 run 4759 empty grain train over Great Northern Highway level crossing at Upper Swan on June 16th on its run to Moora CBH to load.

Photo Justin Brown



S3302 still with the Westrail name on its side and in the old yellow livery runs bauxite train through Wellard crossing loop on May 28th.

Photo Mike Forster



AB1501 & AB1503 on 5452 grain train loading at Narembeen on June 10th this is another tier three line whose future is in doubt.

Photo Peggy Winston

B1603 is only a shell and was preserved at Military Markets in Midland that were destroyed by fire a couple of years ago. With the site now being redeveloped the locomotive is available for free but all removal and relocation costs must be met by the taker if there are no takers B1603 will be scrapped on site. Enquiries to luke.carne@bfpl.com.au



D49 runs 5C11 AK cars track recording train through West Merredin on June 10th. Photo Peggy Winston

June 23rd was not a good day for ARG in Great Southern with P2508 hitting a car that slid off the level crossing at Elleker west of Albany and was stuck on the tracks. The car was extensively damaged but P2508 only suffered very minor damage with no one injured as the vehicle was empty with the driver clear of the track. Earlier in the day a few hundred kilometres north at Yornaning DBZ2313 ran through the catch points on the loop and derailed but remained upright.

8039 Pacific National yard shunter transfer locomotive failed again around June 17/18th that saw 8122 being hauled dead attached on 5MP5 behind NR68 & NR29 to Kewdale arriving on June 20th. 8039 was hauled out of Kewdale on 1PM5 behind NR29, NR68, [dead attached] NR79 & NR18 for repair.

BHPBIO SD70MACe 4317 has been named Spinifex and 4322 named Tabba.

Yard pilot at Nelson Point yard on June 25th was SD40R 3094.



NR68, NR29 with dead attached 8122 on 5MP5 intermodal about to go under Kalamunda Road Bridge at South Guildford on June 20th.

Photo Jim Bisdee

DBZ2313 re-railed after derailling on loop at Yornaning ran 1376 light engine movement from Avon Yard to Forrestfield with AB1503 and AB1501 on June 27th.

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