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A rare sight of ALZ3208 leading a train west of Kalgoorlie with it in front of AC4301 & LZ3114 on late 1426 freight from Kalgoorlie rounding the curve at Bellevue on June 28th.

Photo Simon Barber

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Hancock Mining with its Korean partners announced signing an agreement with the West Australian government to develop Roy Hill Iron Ore mine that is about 110km north of Newman. This agreement allows construction of railway line to the port to proceed. The project will cost some \$7.2 billion having a 300km railway line connecting the mine to the port, train unloader and facilities at Boodarie and two berths. Construction is expected to commence in mid 2011 with production of 55 million tons per year from 2014.

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The only ALZ locomotive in ARG fleet ALZ3208 that is usually confined to remote unit status on 025/426 freight services between Forrestfield and Kalgoorlie has led services recently. Owing to LZ3114 failing on 1426 on June 27th at Darine remote unit ALZ3208 was then utilised to haul the service to Forrestfield. This is the first time ALZ3208 has led a service since 1st January 2008 when it again led 426 freight. ALZ3208 again ran a service at Kalgoorlie on July 1st when it hauled 5C71 cement and lime shunter to Parkeston.

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Latest Transperth EMU set #92 on the rear of 7NY3 steel train descending Cullerin bank in NSW on June 26th on the EMUs delivery run across Australia. Photo Peter Clark



PA2819 on 4LE1 light engine trial returning from Kwinana at Kewdale on June 30th. Photo Justin Brown





CLP13 & CLF1 run 6PM1 QR National intermodal through Hazelmere on June 25th. Photo Jim Bisdee



CLP13 & CLF1 on 6PM1 intermodal approaching Meckering loop on June 25th. Photo Jim Bisdee



PA2819 that has been in ARG Forrestfield workshop since returning from United Group Rail Bassendean on April 28th following conversion back to narrow gauge ran a light engine works trial from Forrestfield to Kwinana and return on June 30th. Following trial PA2819 returned to ARG workshop for further attention.

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CBH is now evaluating competing bids for hauling the WA grain crop after several railroad companies including ARG submitted tenders for the haulage contract to be for the next 10 years. These railroad companies were from both Australia and overseas with ARG confirming it had tendered for all three zones as set out in the tender documents. CBH will announce the successful tenderer later in the year.

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Pacific National transfer locomotive 8122 runs 4P25 EMU car movement and wagons of rail onto line into flash butt yard at Midland on June 30th.

Photo Jim Bisdee

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The Australian Competition Tribunal announced on June 30th it had again rejected any application by third parties to access BHPBIO Newman line, but has allowed third party access to BHPBIO underutilised Goldsworthy line until 2028. Access seekers will now be able to negotiate with BHPBIO to gain access to the Goldsworthy line providing the decision is not appealed through the Federal Court. A decision was also announced at the same time regarding third party access to Rio Tinto lines with Tom Price line having access denied, while Robe River Deepdale line has had third party access granted till November 2018. Third party access seekers will now be able to negotiate with Rio Tinto to gain access to its Deepdale line providing the decision is not appealed.

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Rehabilitation of the ex South Spur WOAX gondola wagons at Grass Valley that will be used in Newcastle NSW continues with them having been repainted orange with extensive bogie and brake work having been undertaken. D49 ran light engine to Grass Valley to shunt and brake test these wagons on July 1st.

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Latest Transperth EMU set #92 was hauled out of EDI Bombardier plant at Maryborough Qld on June 23rd to Maryborough West where it was attached to rear of QR freight 752X that night for Acacia Ridge. On arrival at Acacia Ridge on June 24th EMU set #92 was detached and had narrow gauge transfer bogies removed and standard gauge transfer bogies fitted. EMU set #92 was attached to rear of 6BW4 on 25th hauled overnight to Morandoo and detached 26th being attached to rear 7NY3 arriving at Port Augusta on 27th. Here EMU set #92 was detached and placed on rear of 7WP2 for run to Kewdale arriving in early hours of June 30th. 8122 hauled EMU set #92 to old workshops Midland for fitting of its powered narrow gauge bogies about midday on the 30th.

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W903 runs short Hotham Valley Railway steam service from Pinjarra to Dwellingup up the steep line at Scarp Road on June 27th.

Photo Phil Melling

Pacific National shunter transfer locomotive 8039 returned from Adelaide on July 3rd following maintenance behind NR70 & NR76 on 4MP5. 8039 was stabled over weekend with 8122 still in use as the Kewdale yard shunter.

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