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SCT006 & SCT004 on 5MP9 approaching Parkeston on August 14th hauling dead attached H3 and H2 to be shunters at SCT Forrestfield whare house complex. Photo Toad Montgomery

With the return of hired Greentrains locomotive DE51 that was used as shunter SCT moved H2 and H3 from Adelaide on August 13th to its Perth complex to join H5 as shunters arriving in early hours of 15th.

EMU set #93 suffered an extensive graffiti attack on all three cars in Acacia Ridge Qld on August 12th or Moorandoo NSW on 13th/14th that was the worst damage to be done to any of these 93 EMU car sets on their rail journey across Australia since the first EMU set #1 was hauled over nearly 20 years ago.

EMU set #93 was attached to rear of 7WP2 at Port Augusta on August 16th behind NR52 & NR72 and hauled to Pacific National Kewdale arriving in early hours of 18th. Yard shunter transfer locomotive 8039 hauled EMU set #93 from P/N Kewdale to old workshops Midland mid morning on 18th to have narrow gauge power bogies fitted and extensive graffiti removed.

P2502 the final P class to be overhauled ran to UGR Bassendean on August 18th for overhaul.



EMU set #93 on rear of 7NY3 steel train behind NR77 & NR55 going through horseshoe curve at Goondah south of Yass NSW on August 14th on its run across Australia. Photo Peter Clark



Q4011 on 1C74 empty cement /lime wagons on Parkeston loop with 6003 & 6008 on 6MP1 refuelling on the main line on August 15th. Photo Toad Montgomery



In the desert evening light QR National LDP001 & G516 on the main line at Parkeston refuel prior to hauling the first 5MP1 extra service through to Forrestfield on August 14th. Photo Toad Montgomery



H3 & H2 returning to Western Australia on 5MP9 on August 14th. Photo Toad Montgomery



DBZ2303, P2504 & PA2819 on 5306 grain train at Bellevue on August 13th.

Photo Simon Barber



Greentrains D49 runs 1S64 empty rail train at Bellevue on August 1st.

Photo Jim Bisdee

PTA undertook extensive track works on Midland line resulting in line being closed from 1930 on August 14th till first train on 16th resulting in Sunday Kalgoorlie Prospector service departing from and terminating at Midland. Perth Underground Station was also closed over the same period to allow work on the tunnel with busses running Perth Stirling and trains Stirling to Clarkson. Trains operated on Mandurah line from Esplanade Station Saturday night and Sunday.

PA2819 that had run a few trains on Wagin Lake Grace and Wagin Avon lines returned to Forrestfield on 5306 out of zone grain train from Wagin to Forrestfield on August 13th. PA2819 was dead attached on 5306 and was detached at narrow gauge loco following 5306 unloading at CBH Metro Grain Complex. PA2819 was stabled at n/g loco for most of last week but was at workshop on 20th.



Q4012 & LZ3112 run 3058 grain train through Hazelmere in the evening of August 3rd. Photo Jim Bisdee

QR National have introduced a fourth weekly intermodal service between Perth and Melbourne 5MP1 departing Melbourne 1800 on Thursday arriving 0600 on Sunday Morning. Return service 2PM1 departs Forrestfield 1600 on Monday arriving in Melbourne 0400 on Thursday. For some months 20 to 30 QRN intermodal wagons have been attached to SCT service 5MP9 arriving on Sunday morning and departing interstate that night.

While NJ1605 was in workshop Forrestfield receiving attention in mid August the woodchip train at Albany was operated by NJ1602 and P2513.



All yellow P2502 & P2511 on 1303 empty grain run on August 8th run main line past Forrestfield yard with L3115 as #1 s/g shunter in yards all yellow locomotives but two in old Westrail livery. Photo Jim Bisdee



6003 & 6008 on 6MP1 QRN intermodal at 1780km peg at end of the Trans Line at Kalgoorlie on August 15th as 6PM1 is about to enter WestNet territory. Photo Toad Montgomery



L3113 still in old Westrail orange on 3058 grain train crosses over from main line onto tracks into the Forrestfield yard on August 10th. Photo Jim Bisdee

Heavy lift ship MV Fairlift berthed at Port Hedland town wharf on August 16th to unload a further nine SD70ACe locomotives for BHPBIO being delivered from EMCC. These locomotives #4356 thru #4364 were unloaded over next few days with Fairlift sailing on evening of 18th. Jumbo Challenger with final nine SD70ACe of this order was east of Africa in Indian Ocean at 35 degrees 12' south 48 degrees 06' east on 19th.
