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864 & NA1874 run 3S36 empty rail train from Koolyanobbing to flashbut through Bellevue on September 8th to collect another load of rail for the for the re-railing project now underway.

Photo Jim Bisdee

864 following its arrival from Parkes on June 23rd 2008, was rebuilt by Gemco Forrestfield being completed on August 4th 2009 then 864 was hauled by D48 to Gemco Bellevue on August 18th for further attention. 864 had never ran on main line till September 7th when together with D51 and NA1874 they ran 3S35 empty container flats and rail train to Southern Cross. At Southern Cross the rail train and empty train of container flats split with NA1874 and 864 hauling the rail train to Koolyanobbing to drop the rail.

D51 on September 6th collect all the stored container flats from Toll Yard Kewdale plus the last flattop refurbished by Gemco from Forrestfield and combined then with the three refurbished flattops at Bellevue. D51 ran 3S37 empty wagons Southern Cross to Hampton arriving early evening and stabling. K206, K210 & K205 on 8M21 ran 15 CFCLA ballast wagons to Parkeston arriving in evening of 7th then K206 ran the 15 ballast wagons to Hampton to stable and attached the container flats hauling them back to Parkeston.



Q4016 on 7430 empty sulphur train departing ARG Forrestfield yard to access main line passes stabled NR74 & NR84 on 1PM7 express at entrance to Pacific National Kewdale yard on September 5th. Photo Jim Bisdee



MA1862 on EMU B set #93 in the Midland loop as it propels back to flashbut to gain access to main line on September 3rd with the MA trying to be steam locomotive.

Photo Justin Brown



NR74 & NR84 in GSR passenger livery of The Ghan and Southern Spirit run 1PM7 express service through South Guildford on September 5th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



PA2819 & DD2356 run 4LE1 through Welshpool on September 8th on their way to Picton. Photo Jim Bisdee

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PA2819 that returned to Forrestfield from Wagin on August 13th ran light engine to Kwinana on September 8th at the commencement of its run to Picton where this locomotive is now allocated. It is believed PA2819 will operate out of Picton on simular traffic as handled by S class.

Indian Pacific passenger service again operates into and out of Perth twice a week with commencement of the wildflower season and for summer holiday season. It will operate August 31st till November 28th 2010 then January 4th to March 31st 2011.



LZ3104 with white cab roof but without LZ on cab side and retaining name Purnu runs 3197 cement and lime train through Kewdale on August 31st as it approaches Forrestfield yard.

Photo Jim Bisdee

Hotham Valley Railway ran C1702 light engine from Pinjarra to Dwellingup on August 28th to stable the mainline locomotive. With this locomotive now in Dwellingup it also enables easier rescue of any failed services that may occur on the Alumina Junction Dwellingup line.

BHPB Iron Ore commenced duplication of the line from Homestead at 409.8km to Orebody 25 at 414.7km as part of Rapid Growth Project 5 in mid August. This work will involve drainage, earthworks and tracklaying with it scheduled for completion in December 2010.