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RA212 & R1902 operating together for the first time running a SSRS ballast train ballasting at 229km south of Wagin on September 27th. Photo Simon Barber

Hotham Valley Railway ran trial with recently obtained F40 and XA1401 on September 25th on Alumina Junction Dwellingup line to Isandra loop and little further east to the Brookdale area. This trial commenced with F40 turning on the Pinjarra triangle by running to Pinjarra south then onto Pinjarra east then stabling in loop at Alumina Junction. XA1401 with three cars then ran Pinjarra to Alumina Junction where F40 was attached to lead and hauled train to Isandra where it was detached and ran to rear of the consist. XA1401 then hauled the train to Brookdale area with F40 then hauling train back to Isandra. XA1401 was run to head of the train then hauled it back to Pinjarra. Following the successful trial F40 was remote locomotive with W920 steam locomotive on Dwellingup service on 26th.

Surplus ARG locomotives offered for expression of interest to purchase are; 42209, 42211, 527 and GM30 on standard gauge with frame of D1561 and 1251 on narrow gauge these units all at Forrestfield are being offered in a where is as condition and may not be complete.



6001 & LDP002 on 6MP1 intermodal crests the grade at Mungari on September 26th. Photo Alex Mackay



DD2357 & DAZ1903 on 2858 caustic tankers at Worsley on September 27th.

Photo Simon Barber



DBZ2306 on 2253 empty coal train through Harvey on September 27th.

Photo Simon Barber



NR29 & NR104 on 5SP5 slowing down as its about to enter Parkeston September 25th. Photo Alex Mackay



XA1401 a rare operating Metropolitan Vickers built locomotive on the main line with Hotham Valley Railway trial train approaching Alumina Junction on September 25th. Photo Jim Bisdee



F40 hauls XA1401 on load trial on HVR Dwellingup branch on September 25th. Photo Jim Bisdee



Running top and tail F40 coaches XA1401 at Brookdale working trial train back to Isandra loop on 25th.



XA1401 hauls F40 and the trial of Dwellingup Branch onto the main line on 25th. Both photos Jim Bisdee

Track work, ballasting and re-sleepering is being undertaken on Great Southern Railway south of Wagin this work has resulted in the woodchip train running to Avon yard on September 26th, to be followed by P2506, P2514 & DBZ2313 running 2306 locomotive and wagon movement on morning of 27th. After 2663 grain unloaded at CBH Albany on 27th that train then departed in afternoon for Avon yard as 2308. At present there are now grain or woodchip trains running into or out of Albany.



P2514 loads a grain train under power at Quairading CBH on October 2nd.

Photo Daryle Phillips

Perth Royal Show ran this year for the traditional eight days from September 24th to October 2nd with numerous extra and increased capacity services running on the Fremantle line. Many extra services ran to and from Showgrounds special event station to Perth station with some continuing onto Midland or Armadale. Show week still continues to be an especially busy time for Transperth stretching staff and recourses in many areas as it always has.