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NR54 long end leading on 1004 empty Indian Pacific cars to East Perth crossing over onto the east leg of Woodbridge triangle on November 28th.

Photo Brendan Cherry

From November 28th to 30th there were three serious delays to rail services first was when a car crash bought down a Western Power pole causing power lines to sag over the line at Lennard Street Herne Hill at 1815 on 28th. NR112 & NR108 on westbound 4WP2 was held just short of the obstruction, SCT005 & SCT004 on eastbound 1PM9 was held short of Oakover Road. Westbound services 6MP4 was held at Millendon, 1484 Prospector at Jumperkine and 7MP7 outside loop Jumperkine with eastbound 1025 held at Woodbridge, 1PM5 at Forrestfield and 1073 in Forrestfield yards. Following wires being lifted by crane traffic moved under severe speed restriction around 2045 delay of about 2.5 hours. Second delay was a fire in the Avon Valley around Cobblers Pool area about 2100 on November 29th with 1025 held at Moondyne, 1PM5 at Jumperkine with 2PM9 and 1029 held at Forrestfield, westbound 7GP1 was held at Toodyay West fire was bought under control with traffic moving around 2300 about 2 hour delay. An incident involving 3362 grain occurred in Cockburn area around 1030 resulting in local freights and shunters 3142, 3158, 3194 and 2430 being held in the yards at Forrestfield not departing till about 1530 being a five hour delay.



Westbound 4WP2 stands just short of Lennard Street Herne Hill on November 28th owing to low power lines over the track following a car crash the wires were very low over up main. Photo Simon Barber



SCT005 & SCT004 on 1PM9 wait on main line at Middle Swan just short of Oakover Road for obstruction to be cleared and be able to resume their run to Adelaide on 28th. Photo Simon Barber

Naming of BHP Billiton Iron Ore SD70ACe locomotives continues with #4315 been named Mijarrpa, #4316 named Yardi, #4321 named Pantarangu, #4334 named Wheelara, #4346 named Southern Cross, #4348 named Hematite, #4349 named Kakula, #4350 named Ruby, #4351 named Broken Hill and #4353 named Warman. There are only five locomotives left to name #4335, #4339, #4342, #4345 and #4355.

Correction of SD70ACe #4337 name it was named Osuma Maru in October it had been shown as being named Hamersley in April when in fact it was #4327 that had been named.



D48 & K206 run 1S39 South Spur rail train through Greenmount on November 28th. Photo Brendan Cherry

A deliberately lite fire in the Rockingham Lakes Regional Park in Karnup that the Mandurah line skirts caused severe delays on Mandurah line with services suspended south of Rockingham at 1330 on November 30th having services not resuming till first service out of Mandurah on December 1st. No track or overhead catenary was damaged with rail replacement busses running a shuttle service Rockingham Mandurah. In evening of 1st the fire flared up again following wind change that threatened both Mandurah line and Mandurah road. The line and road were both closed for some time with rail replacement bus service operating following road being reopened. The Mandurah line remained closed with services resuming with the first train on 2nd.

BHO Billiton Iron Ore have announced the eighteen names to be applied to the latest SD70ACe locomotives delivered. The names are Black Rock, Capricornia, Chuggaluga [children's entry], Desert Pea, Endeavour, Indian Ocean, Iron Ore, Kokoda, Nelson Point, Pride, Red Dog, Sesquicentennial, Spirit, The Pilbara Princess, Thomas [children's entry], Western Australia, Yarrrie and Yule.

AB1502 returned to service on November 17th following repainting and being stored at n/g loco.



P2503 & P2504 on 7312 grain train off the Miling line passes under Great Eastern Highway Bridge at Greenmount on November 28th. Photo Brendan Cherry



Q4016, LZ3109 & LZ3114 run 6426 Kalgoorlie freight at Kalamunda Road Bridge South Guildford at dawn now a kilometre or so from its destination on November 27th. Photo Brendan Cherry

AB1504 has been repainted into ARG yellow livery and was at narrow gauge loco on November 30th being attached with DD2356 and DD2358 on 6303 empty grain at Forrestfield behind P2515 on December 3rd.

ALZ3208 that was stored around October 20th was removed from storage on November 29th running as remote unit behind LZ3120 on 2029 sulphur train to West Kalgoorlie. ALZ3208 was dead attached on 7025 Kalgoorlie freight behind AC4301, Q4008 & LZ3106 on December 4th.

R1902 ran rail train on Northern Suburbs Railway in the early hours of November 23rd.



Prospector car WDA003 is undergoing heavy maintenance at Kewdale on November 28th. Photo Jim Bisdee

PTA Prospector car WDA003 is having bogie overhaul and other items receiving heavy maintenance over past couple of weeks while it is jacked up at rear of Prospector Maintenance Depot in Kewdale. This is the three car Prospector set with intermediate car WDC021 while set #3 is under maintenance its running with WDA002/WDB012 to make the three car set.
