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RA212 on 1S24 rail train at Pootenup Road Cranbrook about the 241km peg on the Avon Albany line where this train and a grain truck collided around 1420 on December 12th. Photo Daryle Phillips

R1902 and RA212 on 7S23 arrived in Albany around 1525 on December 11th after having running down from flashbutt yard Bellevue with loaded rail train that had been spot dropping rail. In Albany some lengths of rail were dropped near the old loco shed before stabling for the night. On the 12th RA212 & R1902 on 1S24 rail train departed Albany around 0530 picking up old rail at Ellecker, just south of Mt Barker and at Kendenup. The last rail was loaded around 1315 nearly six hours after leaving Albany. Then the loaded rail train commenced its run north to Wagin to stable overnight before running out to Lake Grace and on to Newdegate. Narrow gauge rail trains when loaded are limed to 40kmph as was this operation. About 14kms north of Cranbrook a side road Pootenup Road running from the north east crosses the line to reach Great Southern Highway. At was at this level crossing only with a stop sign that a loaded grain truck collided with 1S24 rail train resulting in RA212 cutting the road train in half at the frame of the trailer. RA212 derailed but remained upright train crew apart from being shook up were not injured also the truck driver was uninjured. R1902 did not derail and only suffered minor damage KA212 was damaged but it is not substantial damage.



RA212 & R1902 run 1S24 rail train through Kendenup on its run north on the 12th. Photo Daryle Phillips



R1902 remote unit on rail train at Pootenup Road with stop and train sign on 12th. Photo Daryle Phillips



R1902 still on the track with RA212 derailed and leaning over at an angle of about 15 degrees with trailer against side of locomotive at Pootenup Road on 12th. Photo Daryle Phillips



RA212 derailed at Pootenup Road with trailer adjacent to locomotive on 12th. Photo Stew Winston



RA212 showing it of the track with trailer adjacent at Pootenup Road on 12th.

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