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DFZ2405 & P2510 run iron ore train up the grade through Bringo on December 11th unusual as the DFZ is leading as P class usually lead loaded ore trains into Geraldton. Photo Phil Melling

Repairs to main line at Goddards following the derailment of 1PM5 on December 28th are continuing with all traffic still running via the loop till the main is re-laid and reopened. Special works train 4811 ran by NR 62 worked west on January 4th with materials for Goddards mainline repair.

With the holidays and following reopening the ARTC line after the Goddards derailment some train orders have been issued for huge distances. Like the TA issued to 6SP5 intermodal NR85 at Forrest on January 1st proceed to Golden Ridge 640kms, 1PS6 intermodal NR71 at Parkeston on 2nd proceed to Denman 820kms, 6WP2 steel general freight NR117 at Cook on 3rd proceed to Blamey 780kms, 5SP5 intermodal NR100 at Cook on 7th proceed to Parkeston 863kms.

DD2356 and DD2358 ran 20 empty woodchip wagons from Avon Yard to Albany on January 3rd arriving late that evening. DD2358 is on the west end of the woodchip fleet leading train to the woodchip mill with DD2356 on east end leading the train back to Port of Albany unloader recommenced on 4th.



LZ3111 runs 2474 salt train through South Guildford on December 20th.

Photo Justin Brown



NJ1605 on woodchip train at Albany Port on December 23rd on one of its last trips.

Photo Stew Winston



EMU B series set #77 at Claisebrook depot December 22nd cameras installed on roof to monitor catenary.



NR72, NR109 & NR85 run 1PM5 intermodal at Toodyay Road Stratton on January 2nd. Photo Mike Forster



P2501 & P2516 loading grain train at Maya at end of tier three line December 12th.

Photo Phil Melling



Q4007, LZ3101, AC4303, LZ3120, AC4308 & L3110 run rare six engine lash up of four different liveries on 5426 freight ex Kalgoorlie at Swan View early morning on December 24th.

Photo Simon Barber



FJ105 ex Westrail J105 now yard shunter Berrimah Terminal NT December 12th. Photo Toad Montgomery



EMU sets #19, #25 & #27 haul failed set #29 through McIver Station on January 4th. Photo Brendan Cherry

NJ1602 and NJ1605 have been withdrawn from Albany with the woodchip services now being run by DD class locomotives. These NJ locomotives were never that successful on the woodchip services especially after the number of wagons was increased. Both these locomotives are presently stored at Avon Yard Northam owing to reduced need for motive owing to poor grain harvest.



Q4017, LZ3120 & L3118 run 6025 Kalgoorlie freight out of Forrestfield Yards at 1935 after sunset on the last day of the year December 31st.

Photo Jim Bisdee

EMU B series set #77 that had been at Claisebrook depot for a few weeks having roof cameras fitted to enable the overhead to be monitored on Mandurah Clarkson line to locate problems in the catenary returned to service on January 7th.

EMU set #29 that was paired with #27 failed at McIver on January 4th following EMU set #25 and #19 was used to propel the service into Perth Station that saw running of unusual eight car set that also saw eight car set run to Claisebrook depot of #19, #25, #27 with failed set #29 for repair.