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AC4303 on 5194 empty cement and lime Soundcem shunter on January 6th passes under Kwinana Freeway overbridge that has B series EMU from Mandurah passing over top.      Photo Sean McGarraghy

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ARG has advertised for mainline locomotive drivers level 4 to be based in Goulburn NSW in the southern tablelands to run wheat trains from wheat growing areas to Port Kembla grain export facility. Full details are at; <http://seek.com.au/Job/mainline-train-drivers-level4/in/goulburn-southern-tablelands/18830157>

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Conversion of more XW grain wagons from narrow gauge to standard gauge is underway with S3304 hauling 10 XWs to Kwinana for conversion on January 13th as 5124 empty wagon movement.

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LZ3101 has been repainted from ARG old G&W red livery into new QR National livery of grey and yellow with QR National logos it has not been released to traffic as yet.

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852 Alco that was tried as yard shunter at Esperance in mid 2006 then was stored for some time at West Kalgoorlie in late 2006 before being transferred to then ARG NSW operations. 852 ran in NSW till it failed and was then stored for sale at Junee. This locomotive has recently been sold by ARG.





Q4014 runs 3430 empty sulphur wagons with bagged nickel matte on lead that is now often on this service owing to weight on 426 freight at Kalamunda Road Bridge on December 22nd. Photo Sean McGarraghy



PA2819 on 7903 empty caustic tankers on Bunbury Inner Harbour line December 25th. Photo Simon Barber



Services on the Armadale line between Cannington and Armadale were cancelled from 1940 on Friday evening January 14th till first train on Monday 17th to allow an upgrade of the Kenwick Station to be undertaken. Services on Thornlie branch were also suspended for the same period with Rail Replacement bus services operating on both lines. Australind railcar services to Bunbury terminated at and departed from Armadale on both Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th with road coaches running between Armadale Station and Public Transport Centre East Perth.



EMU B set #77 at Claisebrook depot on January 3rd having cameras fitted to roof for catenary surveillance.

D48 & K205 ran 2S69 rail train departed flashbutt on January 10th for Southern Cross then on to West Kalgoorlie on 11th where it dropped rail on Binduli triangle before proceeding to Hampton ballast siding. A flashbutt welding plant has been installed at Hampton siding for use in EGR and Esperance line upgrading. ARG run loaded rail wagons dropped off by Pacific Nation steel trains at West Kalgoorlie to Hampton then haul back empty rail wagons back to be attached to empty steel train.

EMU A set #41 has been overhauled and has had the longitudinal seating installed in the saloons with this conversion only two unconverted A sets remain in service.

ALZ3208 has run to Leonora on two occasions recently first on 5442 with nine fuel tankers ex Kalgoorlie in evening of December 23rd, again on January 11th behind LZ3107 on 3479 returning as ALZ3208 & LZ3107 on 3478 with 16 WN nickel wagons and 11 empty fuel tankers.

LZ3109 that was attached to 2PM1 at West Kalgoorlie on December 21st for run to Adelaide returned on 6MP1 behind 6001 & LDP002 with LZ3109 being detached at West Kalgoorlie on January 9th.





Q4015 on 4166 acid tankers at old Cameron Street crossing Thornlie on January 5th it is these tankers which has 426 freight Kalgoorlie to Forreestfield weighing over 4000 tons on most nights. Photo Sean McGarraghy



LZ3117 on 5166 acid tankers at Jandakot on January 6th.

Photo Sean McGarraghy



Multi coupled SCT shunters H5 and H2 have been shunting SCT Forrestfield complex on a few occasions in recent weeks.



864, 1874 & 48s34 on empty containerised coal at Whittingham NSW on December 20th all the gondola wagons were ex Westrail built in WA as was 1874 with 864 being rebuilt in WA. Photo Simon Barber

KA212 involved in the truck verses train crash at Pootenup Road Wansbrough on December 12th is still stored on cripple road in Tambellup yard.