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LZ3101 on its first run following being repainted into QR National livery on 7025 Kalgoorlie freight remote unit behind Q4010 departing Forrestfield January 22nd. Photo Jim Bisdee

DAZ1902, AB1502, NJ1605 and AD1520 are stored out of service at Forrestfield narrow gauge loco.

Flooding on Broken Hill Parkes section of the Parkes Port Augusta line on January 13th caused disruption to Sydney Perth passenger, intermodal and express traffic and SCT Parkes Forrestfield service. 7PG1 SCT service delayed, SA8 Sydney to Adelaide section of the Sydney Perth Indian Pacific delayed but with 1AP8 Adelaide Perth section running on time. 5SP5 NR120 and NR10 had been delayed by flooding west of Broken Hill arrived about 12 hours late at Kewdale. Flooding western Victoria on 14th had an effect on services with 5MP5 NR18 & NR73 and 5MP1 QRN service 6007 & 6008 being just under 24 hours late due on 16th arriving on 17th, SCT006 & SCT009 on 5MP9 SCT service also ran about 24 hours late. Pacific National ran two scratch services NR29 & NR95 on 6AP5 Adelaide Kewdale intermodal and NR74 on 7XP4 Port Augusta Kewdale steel and general freight.



P2504 & P2514 departing Hyden CBH grain bin following loading on January 13th. Photo Simon Barber



LZ3107 runs 5442 freight north to Leonora out of Kalgoorlie on January 6th.

Photo Phil Melling



6001, LDP002 with dead attached LZ3109 returning on 6MP1 QRN intermodal entering Kalgoorlie on January 9th with LZ3109 being detached at West Kalgoorlie yards.

Photo Phil Melling



DD2356 hauls loaded woodchip service through Albany on January 18th on its run to the port unloader with DD2358 off line on the rear that will haul this service back to the mill. Photo Wayne Andrews



Former BHP Newcastle #49 now shunter at Loongana lime yard Parkeston with cement and lime wagons that's used in gold mining industry at Kalgoorlie on January 5th.

Photo Phil Melling



NR29 stabled in engineers siding at Parkeston on January 20th with 4GK1 loading of wrecked wagons and vehicles from Goddards derailment.

Photo Peter Donaghy



Damaged wagons ex Goddards derailment at engineers siding Parkeston January 15th. Photo Peter Donaghy



DD2356 with DD2358 on the rear hauls woodchip train to port unloader passes P2514 & P2504 unloading a grain train at CBH Albany terminal January 14th.

Photo Simon Barber



6003 & CLP13 run 3MP1 QR National intermodal with empty Cook water and fuel tankers up the grade through Parkeston yard to western refuelling point on January 6th.

Photo Phil Melling



NR108 & NR103 on 4MP5 climbing the grade into Golden Ridge on January 7th.

Photo Phil Melling

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NR95 & NR29 ran 2PM5 intermodal out of Kewdale on January 17th that included some wagons to run recovery train at Goddards derailment site. NR29 and wagons were detached at Zanthus and stabled in yard on 18th then ran 3ZK1 Zanthus to Kitchener NR29 ran round then ran onto main line Goddards and stabled to allow wagons to be loaded. NR29 ran 4GK1 on January 19th Goddards to Zanthus being bypassed by 2MP5 then proceeded to Parkeston stabling in Engineers Siding around 2045. All the wagons in engineers siding at Parkeston were worked by NR29 to ARG West Kalgoorlie yard on 21st. The mainline at Goddards is still not reopened with all trains running via the loop.



Q4010 & LZ3101 runs 7025 Kalgoorlie freight out of Forrestfield yards January 22nd. Photo Jim Bisdee

DAZ1905 and AB1503 were the last narrow gauge locomotives to work at West Merredin operating on the tier three lines radiating out of Merredin. No further grain haulage by rail may be undertaken on these lines as their future is very much in doubt. DAZ1905 & AB1503 ran narrow gauge empty grain wagon transfer train out of West Merredin to Avon Yard Northam in early hours of January 19th. This could very well be last train to run on these lines.

Work commenced on January 17th to increase size of car park at Warwick by more than 17% to some 1175 parking bays.

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