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NR27 & NR29 both long end leading run 7003 empty Indian Pacific cars up the grade into Meltham Station with Perth skyline on January 23rd following failure of NR27 earlier at Bonnie Vale. Photo Alex Mackay

NR27 on 5AP8 Indian Pacific failed at Bonnie Vale late on night of December 21st relief locomotive in form of NR29 was stabled on Goddards derailment recovery train at West Kalgoorlie. NR29 was run light engine to Bonnie Vale to work 5AP8 to East Perth Terminal. 5AP8 arrived over two hours late at East Perth on 22nd. Following shunting and setting up motorail wagons NR27 & NR29 long end leading ran 7003 empty Indian Pacific cars to Kewdale for servicing. NR27 was repaired and ran 1004 empty Indian Pacific cars to East Perth Terminal on 23rd and 1P28 engine turn. NR27 on 1PA8 Indian Pacific again failed this time within station limits at East Perth Terminal and was able to set back onto Perth Terminal platform. NR78 ran light engine to East Perth Terminal to run this service that departed two hours late and was by passed by Prospector service at Jumperkine. 1PA8 Indian Pacific departed Kalgoorlie pretty well on time in early hours of January 24th.

8039 Pacific National Kewdale shunter returned from maintenance in Adelaide January 23rd on 4WP2 steel train dead attached behind NR114 & NR5.



NR51 & 6001 stand side by side at the eastern fuel point Parkeston January 9th.

Photo Phil Melling



P2514 & P2504 run 5633 empty grain train on January 13th at Pingaring on the Hyden line that was closed in 1950s only to become a season line to eventually a heavy duty grain line.

Photo Simon Barber

QUA flat wagons that are all vacuum braked and no use in a railroad that was now operating an air braked system. They had been stored out of use at Brunswick, Picton and at unused Bunbury woodchip terminal for some time before being offered for sale in mid October 2010. Bunbury scrap metal dealer P & J Metals purchased all the wagons for scrap commencing to remove the 30 wagons at Brunswick on January 11th with them gone by 13th. Removal of QUAs stored at old woodchip terminal Bunbury commenced on 24th.



DD2356 runs woodchip train through Elleker DD2358 off line on rear January 14th. Photo Simon Barber

8112 that had been Pacific National yard shunter and transfer locomotive while 8039 was repaired returned interstate on 2PM5 intermodal behind NR86 & NR4 on January 24th.

Hotham Valley Railway at Pinjarra has sold four former South African steel cars to Pacific National for use as crew cars on Townsville to Mt Isa line where Pacific National will operate services under contract for Xstrada Mines. These ex HVR cars will be converted into crew cars at Islington SA then delivered to P/N. AHB306 first car to depart Pinjarra left by road on January 26th for Adelaide.

Perth City to Armadale line was again closed this weekend from Friday evening January 28th until first train on 31st effecting both Armadale and Thornlie lines. This line closure was to enable track work and upgrades to be undertaken at Claisebrook and Burswood and at other places on the lines.

Fortescue Mining Group has announced the purchase of 260 iron ore cars from CNR Corp in China for delivery in last quarter on 2011. These 40-tonne axle load cars carry 140 tons of ore with tare weight of 20 tonnes making them the heaviest single wagons operated on any railroads worldwide. This is part of the continued expansion of FMG with Christmas Creek mine commencing production last December and further mines to be bought on stream in this expansion programme



DD2358 off line on rear of woodchip train passing Albany Station January 18th. Photo Wayne Andrews



NR29 hauls failed NR27 on 5AP8 Indian Pacific through Guildford on January 22nd. Photo Simon Barber



NR78 hauls 1PA8 Indian Pacific through Guildford on January 23rd following NR27 failing on departure from East Perth Terminal.

Photo Jim Bisdee



RA212 damaged in derailment at Wansbrough on December 12th still stabled in cripple road at Tambellup on January 26th with empty ballast fleet stabled in the loop.

Photo Daryle Phillips



DAZ1905 on grain train Corrigin to Merredin running north of Ardath on January 5th. Photo Don Copley



Last EMU set #494 runs a Mandurah service south of Murdoch on January 23rd. Photo Alex Mackay



P2514 three damaged XU wagons south of Mt Barker on Albany line on January 23rd. Photo Stew Winston



LZ3101 in QR National yellow, orange, red and grey livery with black bogies and fuel tank with AC4304 in West Kalgoorlie yard on January 23rd. Photo Peter Donaghy



LZ3101 side on stabled in West Kalgoorlie on January 23rd.

Photo Peter Donaghy

LZ3103 the second locomotive to be repainted into QRN livery for use on QR National grain haulage in NSW ran works trial as remote unit behind Q4002 & Q4016 on 7025 freight to Kalgoorlie on January 29th. This locomotive ran back to Forrestfield on 1426 freight departing West Kalgoorlie as remote behind Q4016 & Q4004 on 30th that also had Q4006 dead attached.

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