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NR35 rear of 2P29 engine turn behind AN2, AN1 & NR27 crosses Railway Parade Bassendean March 7th on the way to Pacific National Kewdale following its rebuilding by UGR. Photo Jim Bisdee

NR35 suffered extensive damage when hit floodwaters at 1738.600km west of Curtin on January 30th 2009 when it derailed. This locomotive was rebuilt and repainted at UGR Bassendean plant attached to rear of 2P29 engine turn on March 7th following the locomotives release. It was then hauled to Pacific National Kewdale yard where it was stabled till 9th. It was then hauled dead attached behind NR115 on 4PW4 to Spotswood Melbourne for final minor fit out prior to returning to traffic.

Former locomotive QR2361 passed through Port Augusta on evening of March 5th arrived Forrestfield 1000 on March 9th running to workshop for unloading. This is to be final 2300 class to be rebuilt into a DFZ unit.

Lead concentrate container trains are again operating at present irregularly from Leonora to Fremantle port for export following a review of this service.



Tilley Siding March 7th with stored Sinosteel Midwest ore cars that will be used to haul Gindalbie Metals iron ore to Geraldton for export prior to Karrara line being completed. Photo Phil Melling



Mount Gibson Siding under construction at Perenjori March 7th. Photo Phil Melling



NR68 runs 1PA8 Indian Pacific through Toodyay on February 20th.

Photo Sean McGarraghy



DFZ2406 & DFZ2407 following cab conversions run on February 2nd 4755 light engine to Narngulu up the east leg of Woodbridge triangle at the start of their long run north and return to traffic.

Photo Jim Bisdee



S3302 runs 7122 empty wagon movement Forrestfield to Picton of new JP caustic tankers built by Gemco Forrestfield through Kewdale on February 12th. Photo Jim Bisdee



P2514 & P2516 run grain train through Toodyay on February 20th. Photo Sean McGarraghy



NR7 & NR90 run 4WP2 steel train through Toodyay on February 20th.

Photo Sean McGarraghy



LZ3109 on 7C73 shunt with #49 lime works shunter on Parkeston triangle March 5th.

Photo Don Copley



LZ3109 on 7410 acid tankers from Hampton entering West Kalgoorlie yard March 5th. Photo Don Copley



P2505 prototype unit in P class overhaul programme it was rebuilt following extensive damage when it hit a car in Merredin in July 2001 hauls 1302 grain into Kwinana March 6th. Photo Simon Barber



DBZ2312 on 1572 coal train unloading at Western Power Kwinana March 6th.

Photo Simon Barber



#49 is about to run on to rear of 7C73 Parkeston lime shunt on March 5th.

Photo Don Copley

Grain programme from Grass Patch to Esperance was completed on March 4th with half the empty grain wagons returned to West Kalgoorlie on 7442 freight on 5th with the other half of the grain wagons returned to West Kalgoorlie on 1442 freight on 6th.

Esperance line crossing loop extension project Hampton earthworks completed with some 50% of track laying complete, while major earthworks at Kambalda approximately being about 1.5km of fill is completed, as is the earthworks at Lefroy while earthworks have commenced at northern end of Higginsville.

A proposal under consideration for 159 ore cars trains between Koolyanobbing and Esperance is believed to be 2 locos, 53 ore cars, 1 loco 53 ore cars, 1 loco 53 ore cars. These 159 car ore trains with four locomotives would be around 1750-1800 metres.



NR56 Pacific National yard shunter Kewdale runs 7P26 two empty rail wagons out of flashbutt on February 18th now sees NRs used in this capacity with no 80 or 81 class shunter. Photo Jim Bisdee

Correction D1561 has not been sold for scrap as yet but is in the workshop being stripped of any useful parts prior to it eventual disposal as scrap.
