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G534 & G516 the only G class locomotives in QR National fleet run 7PM1 intermodal with five fuel and five water tankers for Cook on lead through Swan View on March 26th. Photo Simon Barber

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Issue of overcrowding on Perth suburban system won't go away with Transport Minister on March 30th acknowledging there were four EMU sets stored out of service at Nowergup at any given time as these sets were purchased to cover the Butler extension. These 12 cars as from today April 4th will be added to make three car sets into six car sets to improve Northern Suburbs line capacity but when Butler extension opens in 2014 capacity will again be reduced as there are no further EMUs on order.

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Overhaul of the A series EMU cars continues with set #31 having been overhauled returning to service in mid March with EMU set #32 then being withdrawn for overhaul. EMU set #6 has had new seat covers fitted leaving only EMU set #8 with old red striped seat covers.

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NR38 & NR22 on 7SP3 Pacific National intermodal collided with an excavator on Eastern Goldfields Railway at 511.75km near Jaurdi around 1315 on March 28th. None of crew of 7SP3 or the excavator operator was injured but the machine was extensively damaged NR38 only suffered minor damage. Service was delayed for a few hours while excavator was removed from track then 7SP3 resumed its run to Kewdale.





DD2356 on off line on rear empty woodchip train passing CBH Albany March 28th. Photo Daryle Phillips



DAZ1902 on 1RT2 empty rail train in the loop at Midland on March 27th.

Photo Simon Barber



With large increase in tonnages expected through Port of Geraldton in the near future a duplicate line is to be laid through the tunnel at the entrance to the port with preparations underway to commence earthworks.

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P2515 ran 3761 first Karara/Sinosteel Midwest Iron Ore train that loaded at Tilley siding on March 28th and was unloaded at Geraldton port on 29th. This train is to run two locomotives and 60 wagons in near future.

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DAZ1903, DAZ1904 & DAZ1905 run 2392 grain through Thornlie on March 28th. Photo Brendan Cherry

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Commissioning of the final section of RGP5 Mt Newman main line duplication Coonarrie South to Shaw commenced on March 29th that will also see a staged introduction in cab signalling to whole section Bing South to Yandi Mine South. These works scheduled for completion on April 10th will also see the opening of the now completed Chichester Deviation with its significantly improved grades for loaded trains.

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LZ3101 that had remained at Forrestfield following departure of other locomotives and wagons to be used in NSW in connection with ARG/Interail grain haulage contract departed dead attached behind 6008 & 6001 on 3PM1 intermodal on March 29th. LDP001 & LZ3101 then hauled dead attached LQ3122, DC2206 & LZ3103 and 45 AGWF grain wagons on 6AM1 out of Adelaide 2200 for Melbourne on April 1st arriving 1600 on April 2nd. LDP006, LZ3103, DC2206, LQ3122 & LZ3101 ran north out of Melbourne in evening of 2nd as 7MC7 for NSW to position these locomotives and grain wagons.

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LDP005 & CLP10 on 6PM1 intermodal attached L3115 dead at West Kalgoorlie late at night on April 1st hauled it to Adelaide arriving on 3rd and on to Melbourne that night.

The five SD90MAC-H that are at NS Juniata shops in Altoona Pa will be rebuilt as SD70ACe with 710G 4300hp engines for FMG as had been the original intention. The four FMG SD90MAC-H locomotives on the heavy lift ship being shipped to Port Hedland still retain the original 6000hp engine.

ARG are commencing to fit ETMs [end of train monitors] to coal trains running out of Collie that will see their eventual roll out across the narrow gauge block train operation.



SCT004 & SCT003 on 6AP9 extra service to Adelaide at Parkeston on March 26th. Photo Peter Donaghy

Narrow gauge CFLCA ballast cars that have been stored next to old CBH silo at Bellevue adjacent to SSRS yard since completion of PTA Mandurah line have had overhauled wheel sets and bogies attached with them placed on back rail around 28th March.

Correction in photo of the truck with scrap ore cars it was stated they were Robe River the were in fact early BHP Billiton ore cars that are being replaced but the brake gear and bogies are salvaged for reuse on the new replacement cars.

After being stored out of service owing to reduced grain harvest for a few months DAZ locomotives are again in use on grain trains following their removal from being stored serviceable and returned to traffic owing to increases in output and opening of new mines in Midwest needing more P class units. DAZ1904, DAZ1903 & P2516 have been running grain train to Moora on Midland Railway line March 31st April 1st and 2nd. DAZ1902 & DAZ1906 ran grain train April 1st and 2nd besides the three DAZs 1903, 1904 and 1905 that ran rare triple combination on March 28th and 29th.

Some 12 CFCLA CHOY ballast cars that last saw use on now completed BHP Billiton Iron Ore RGP5 upgrading in Yandi area are sitting on road trains in various trucking depots around Narngulu April 1st/2nd.





Q4019 runs 6479 empty nickel hoppers through a very green Gwalia March 18th.

Photo Don Copley



4305 & 5649 on empty ore rake running into up passing track at Bing March 18th. Photo Toad Montgomery





4319 & 4317 on empty ore rake from Boodarie going onto down main March 18th. Photo Toad Montgomery



NR109 & NR41 on 3PS7 express at Millendon March 29th.

Photo Evan Jasper



Q4010 failed on 6416 empty ore train on March 25th being detached on arrival at West Kalgoorlie with Q4017 & Q4015 running the service to Koolyanobbing to load where only 114 of 126 car rake were loaded. On return to West Kalgoorlie ALZ3208 was attached between two Qs for the run to Esperance. ALZ3208 returned on 1414 empty on March 27th to West Kalgoorlie.

P2509 on 6643 grain from Newdegate on March 18th failed soon after departure P2504 hauled train slowly to Lake Grace where 20 wagons were detached with 27 remaining wagons arriving very late at CBH Albany. P2504 & P2506 ran return service of 30 empty out in late afternoon. P2504 & P2506 ran full 52 wagon empty grain consist to Lake Grace for loading on 20th.



DAZ1904 & DAZ1903 on 3302 grain at Millendon on March 29th.

Photo Evan Jasper

Earthworks in connection with Esperance line loop extensions at northern end of the loop at Daniel have completed in late March.