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DBZ2306 runs 4RT2 loaded rail train down the east leg of Woodbridge triangle on May 25th that with ARG now running many of these works trains again sees them hauling vacuum braked trains. Photo Jim Bisdee

The ballast programme operating out of Parkeston mainly in section to Zanthus has been completed with the loading on main line ballast pit east of Parkeston and running of 8M22 on May 22nd that would drop in a number of spots on the run east in section to Rawlinna. RL309 & S311 on 8M22 empty ballast train then continued east to Cook, Tarcoola and Port Augusta.

From around May 10th S311 was prohibited from leading on the ballast trains being remote unit only this resulted in RL309 running light engine to West Kalgoorlie to turn on the adjacent Bunduli triangle. Then following ballasting RL309 and S311 were turned on the triangle at Zanthus or Rawlinna depending in which section the ballast drop had taken place.



It is still possible to find multi coupled LZ locomotives running grain trains here LZ309 & LZ3117 run 7056 through Bellevue May 21st that come May 2012 with new grain contract will end. Photo Sean McGarraghy



LZ3107 on 4164 standard gauge rail train entering Forrestfield on May 18th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



4148, 4147 & 2808 run Y874 Rockhampton to Fishermans Island freight at Lindum Qld the 4100s trial run May 7th prior to being prepared at Redbank Workshops to be trucked to WA operations. Photo Matt Green



NR112 & NR95 run 5PM5 through Millendon Junction on May 19th.

Photo Sean McGarraghy

SCT008 on 5MP9 westbound SCT service shattered part of a wheel on rear bogie about 10km east of Fisher SA bit after dawn on May 28th. Some 1000 metres of track was damaged as a result repairs to both track and locomotive being organised immediately repair of the locomotive that didn't derail were undertaken by EDI fitters with track gang repairing any broken rails or sleepers. The busy weekend schedule on the ARTC Trans line was suspended immediately with trains already underway to be worked towards Cook and stable on loops to the west. LDP005 & CLP13 on 6PM1 stabled the train on Hughes loop 0930 then ran as 7HC2 to Cook to stable in Engineers Siding. 6PS7 ran out of Parkeston 0720 to eventually be stabled on loop at Cook with 6PM5 that had arrived earlier. Eastbound SCT service 6PM9 ran through Parkeston 1100 then on to Reid to stable, 6PM6 was stabled Parkeston then later at Golden Ridge after 6PM7 had departed, 6PM7 at Golden Ridge and 7PX4 at West Kalgoorlie. 7PM1 in QRN terminal Forrestfield and 7PM5 in P/N yard Kewdale were cancelled with them being held till line reopened. 1PS6 intermodal departed on time 0710 on May 29th as did 1PA8 Indian Pacific while 6PM7 departed Golden Ridge with train order all the way to Forrest 0955 with 7PX4 departing West Kalgoorlie for Parkeston to follow 6PM7 at 1100 stabling Forrest. LDP004 ran 1CH1 light engine Cook to Hughes 1135 attached stabled train then ran to Denman. SCT008 was repaired sufficiently to move at a very slow speed to loop at Fisher to stable then SCT006 ran 5MP9 to Hughes where SCT004 rear unit on 6PM9 was attached. SCT007 ran east and attached SCT008 at Fisher to haul it to Adelaide. Behind SCT were 5MP5, 5MP7 that left Cook few hours behind it as services resumed.



ZB2125 & ZB2120 run partly loaded ballast train through Woodanilling May 21st.

Photo Don Copley

Transfield Parkeston track gang has been staying a Zanthus for past week or so as repairs to main line at Goddards are undertaken to return the main line damaged in the derailment on December 28th to service. The main line at Goddards is anticipated to reopen to traffic around June 6th or 7th.

New ballast wagons for FMG are being delivered to Port Hedland from builder in China being unloaded from MV Megan C in the port on May 23rd then trucked to Rowley Yard.



DD2356 off line on rear of empty woodchip departing Albany on run to mill May 17th. Photo Don Copley



Q4010 runs 5056 grain train through Herne Hill on May 19th.

Photo Sean McGarraghy

South Spur Rail ballast that had been engaged on the GSR track upgrading between Wagin and Redmond ran north on May 21st to Wagin then on Bellevue following completion of the upgrading project.



ZB2120 still with ZB1 in number boards in cripple road at Tambellup with empty ballast train stabled in the loop with ZB2125 attached at to the north end.

Photo Daryle Phillips

DD2358 departed Albany behind P2512 & P2506 for Wagin on its way to Forrestfield workshop for attention on May 21st arriving at Forrestfield with DAZ1901 and DAZ1906 on May 24th behind P2506 on 3343 empty grain.

ARG are now running rail and ballast trains in connection with upgrading taking place on Esperance line. As Kalgoorlie crews don't know the road below Norseman, Esperance crews have been sent on expenses to run these work trains.

Shunting accident around 0430 or so in Esperance yards on May 17th resulted in a heavy impact between two locos with Q4003 and another Q sustaining alternator cooling system damage. Both locomotives were hauled out of Esperance for repair.

L/LZ class locomotives no longer run ore train locals between Esperance Yard and Port now with only AC or Q class road locomotives hauling these shuttles.