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DAZ1903 hauls empty QUT sleeper train through Bringa July 9th on way to Northern Gully to be used on 200km Midwest Rail upgrading project between Narngulu and Morawa. Photo Phil Melling

BHP Billiton Iron Ore commenced the Port Hedland Inner Harbour Project [PHIHB] Rail Expansion Works that is a continuation of Rapid Growth Project 5 on July 1st between 28km to 38km on Mt Newman line also between Finucane Island and Goldsworthy Junction with NRW undertaking the earthworks scheduled to be completed by October 2012. This expansion will see Goldsworthy Junction to Finucane Island line duplicated and a second balloon loop constructed at Finucane Island for Car Dumper 5. A five track staging facility together with a camp and offices will be constructed at Mooka that will also see the access road from Bing to Mooka being upgraded to an all weather sealed road. The loco prep facility at Boodardie will also be extended as part of this Yarrie line duplication.

BHPBIO commenced commissioning 10 new side dump cars and 30 new ballast cars at Bing in early July.

When the Mt Newman line was duplicated south of Bing 10 rail bridges were replaced with larger improved structures these will be progressively removed with stream training and modification work also undertaken.



DFZ2402 & DFZ2406 or ore train unloading at Port of Geraldton July 5th.

Photo Phil Melling



DBZ2310 hauling failed S3302 on alumina through Waterloo on July 8th.

Photo Tony Browne



DFZ2406, DFZ2404 & DFZ2405 on 90 car test train ore train from Tilley to Geraldton on July 8th here rounding the curve near Point Moore as it approaches Port of Geraldton to unload. Photo Phil Melling



8112 on Rio works train of side dump and ballast cars near Dugite May 31st. Photo Toad Montgomery



P2504 stabled outside Albany loco on June 9th.

Photo Stew Winston



LQ2121 on acid tankers at 5.8 km on Kambalda line nearly at dusk on July 1st.

Photo Peter Donaghy



LZ3111 runs 6430 empty rail train and tankers through South Guildford July 16th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



1800m 6PM9 SCT train snakes its way round the big S curve at Kalgoorlie July 10th. Photo Peter Donaghy



FMG ore train entering Barker siding with the stored FMG ballast train June 19th. Photo Toad Montgomery



S3304 on caustic tankers with empty XM ballast on rear at Mundijong July 15th.

Photo Jim Bisdee

Rio Tinto received three ES44DCi locomotives 8157 thru 8159 builders number 60221 thru 60223 from General Electric of Erie PA around mid to late April by ship at Dampier with all in service by late May.

DB2311 last DB in old Westrail livery and only DB not yet converted to a DBZ has been operating ballast trains for WestNet ballasting in Pinjarra Wellard section of South West Main for last few weeks. This extensive ballasting programme will continue south of Pinjarra over next week or so.



DB2311 on loaded XK and XM ballast fleet at Keysbrook ballast siding July 10th.

Photo Alex Mackay

QRN rail grinder MMY34 ran Cook to Forrest on ARTC Trans line on July 9th to undertake night rail grinding in Mundrabilla Loongana section then return to stable during day at Forrest. Rail grinder returned east on 13th following completion of rail grinding programme.
