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DAZ1904, DAZ1906 & AB1501 on 1462 empty wagon and loco movement climbing the grade at Bullaring on run from West Merredin to Avon Yard on July 17th. Photo Simon Barber

In connection with platform alterations in Perth City Station to enable eventual sinking of the Fremantle line to Lake Street Northbridge a number of line closures were undertaken over July 15th to 17th as there was no AFL match at Subiaco this weekend. Train services were cancelled between Perth City and Stirling from 8:00pm on 15th to 4:00am on 17th, between Perth City and West Leederville and Perth Underground and Esplanade over same period. Services between Perth City and Claisebrook were cancelled on both Midland, Armadale and Thornlie lines from 8:00pm on 15th till last train on 17th. On Sunday 17th services on Clarkson and Mandurah lines operated as normal while Fremantle services operated out of and into Perth Underground Station till last service. Rail replacement bus services ran to cover the cancelled rail services.

MMY32 rail grinder has been converted from standard gauge to narrow gauge to undertake a rail grinding programme on South West Main from Kwinana to Bunbury and on Collie line from Brunswick to Collie. MMY32 ran from its stabling point in flashbutt yard Bellevue to Kwinana on July 19th to commence the grinding programme that will take place until early September.



Q4019 & 6010 run 6418 empty ore train on Binduli triangle July 16th.

Photo Peter Donaghy



AC4301 mid train DPU on 6418 just passed over mine haul road at Binduli July 16th. Photo Peter Donaghy

LZ3120 stored on February 4th was resurrected and returned to service on July 11th and has seen use as a remote unit on the freighter to Kalgoorlie and shunter at West Kalgoorlie. This freight still sees multiple L/LZ locomotives operating on it with L3118, LZ3111 & LZ3120 ran 2025 to Kalgoorlie on July 11th while L3110, LZ3120 & ALZ3208 ran 5426 into Forrestfield on July 22nd.



4366 & 5632 DPU mid train helpers on loaded BHPBIO ore a Mooka June 20th.

Photo Jim Bisdee

EMU set #33 was withdrawn for overhaul on July 14th following completion of set #32 overhaul that then returned to service following detailing on afternoon peak services on 14th.

Sims Metal commenced recovery of scrap rail on Kambalda to Norseman section of the Esperance line on July 5th they are using road vehicles to recover and cart the rail away.

BHP Billiton Iron Ore also has a rail recovery programme underway utilising a rail train that stables at Mooka and hauls recovered rail to flashbutt yard Bing for unloading.

With the suspension of services on further tier three lines in West Merredin area following the completion of grain haulage out of Bruce Rock and Narembeen the locomotives and grain wagons allocated to this task were withdrawn. DAZ1904, DAZ1906 & AB1501 hauled out 44 empty XW grain wagons on July 17th via Corrigin and Yilliminning to Avon Yard. It is unclear if this will be the final narrow gauge train to run out of West Merredin with the future of the Bruce Rock and Narembeen very uncertain as are all tier three lines.



XA1415 and vans preserved at Narrogin Station with 1462 empty passing July 17th. Photo Simon Barber



DBZ2308 & P2509 on 1BT2 ballast train about to depart Albany on July 17th. Photo Stew Winston



LZ3101, LQ3122 & LZ3103 on QRN grain in Goulburn north yard on July 16th.

Photo Peter Clark



P2507 & P2506 on empty grain at Bibra Lake on July 13th.

Photo Simon Barber



DBZ2312 & DBZ2306 on 4271 lime and empty coal at Keysbrook on July 13th.

Photo Simon Barber



B series EMU sets #84 and #87 stabled at Claisebrook depot July 8th for use football specials that night.



Q4011 runs 3430 empty sulphur round the curve at Bibra Lake on July 13th.

Photo Simon Barber



Q4006 & Q4004 on 5426 extension Kwinana shunter at Kenwick on July 8th.

Photo Simon Barber



EMU set #23 crossing from Clarkson line to Fremantle line at Lake Street July 17th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



EMU set crossing over after exiting the tunnel to access Fremantle line July 17th.

Photo Jim Bisdee

There are now 16 locomotives allocated to Narngulu depot as the haulage of iron ore ramps up with further mines coming on line and grain haulage continuing.

P2505 ran 7BT1 from Avon to Albany on July 16th arriving late that night to stable DBZ2308 & P2509 were attached and ran Albany to Wagin as 1BT2 on 17th that spot ballasted in the Narrikup Kendenup section then continued north with P2505 being detached and stabled outside workshop.



Formation for new access to BP terminal and PTA Kewdale bypassing diagonal July 17th. Photo Jim Bisdee

Loaded DPU ore train 3413 broke in two between Norseman and Daniell at about the 80th car some 20 cars to rear of the DPU locomotive on July 19th. This caused all ore trains to be delayed and one to be cancelled as a result while the section was cleared.

Fortescue Metals have announced they have commenced an expansion programme at Herb Elliott port facility in Port Hedland with NRW holdings being awarded a contract worth about \$112million to undertake earthworks, track works, concrete and pilling in connection with the project.
