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NR1, AN7 & AN11 on 6PM6 rounds the curve out of Kalgoorlie on August 20th and its about to pass under Goldfields Highway Bridge entering ARTC territory for the run to Cook and beyond. Photo Peter Donaghy

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The Perth City Link Project to sink the Fremantle line between William and King Streets took a major step on Wednesday with the closing of the Western Concourse at Perth City Station that will allow its demolition. The Fremantle line will then be moved a few metres north of its present alignment to allow train services to continue to run while the 600metre tunnel is built. This will be cut and cover construction unlike the tunnel to Perth Underground Station that was built with a tunnel boring machine. Construction of the 10 metre deep 8 metre wide tunnel will commence in January 2012.

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Reports indicate Fortescue Metals Group has placed an order with EDI Rail/EMD for 17 SD70ACe locomotives for delivery in the first quarter of 2013. It is not know if these units will be built in EMCC plant in Hamilton Ont. or at a plant in the US.

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NS Juniata shops in Altoona Pa continue rebuilding the FMG SD9043s with 907 now completed it was in test shed undergoing pre-paint testing on August 24th with 909.





AN11, NR1 & NR107 on 6P24 engine turn at Midland August 22nd these turn movements are the only time AN locomotives ever lead a train in the Perth area. Photo Justin Brown



Q4001 & ALZ3208 on 6029 sulphur to Malcolm on Kalgoorlie outskirts August 20th. Photo Peter Donaghy



A double homicide took place on August 25th a bit after 6:00am in an apartment on Tenth Avenue Maylands near Maylands Station with reports a blood spattered man had later boarded a train at the station. Around 8:25am at request of the police the Midland line was shut down completely by PTA. Armed police and with K9 dogs then searched all services on the line between Midland and Perth. Following being searched the services ran to their destination and terminated awaiting line reopening. With the extensive search completed line was reopened at 9:30am but had caused extreme chaos in the busy suburban peak period. Following release of a photograph about 9:30am a person was then quickly arrested in connection with this homicide.

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P2515 & DFZ2406 on empty ore train on the roller coaster grades August 12th. Photo Sean McGarraghy

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Consistent heavy rainfall over weekend 20-21st August saw streams build up and flow swiftly causing minor flooding and washaways in South West over next few days. The South West line at Benger just north of the loop a small stream broke its banks and flooded the track. The stream was dug out to improve water flow and water dissipated but is subject to 40kmph speed restriction. Flooding also took place in the Roelands vicinity where build up of water in low lying area adjacent to track caused flooding this is also under speed restriction. West of loop at Worsley on Collie line has had ballast eaten away on track sides for about a kilometre and is also on a speed restriction.

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Balloon loop at Mt Walton around 534km on main EGR line has been completed with track machines finishing off on August 23rd having signal installation and testing taking place on 25-26th. This loop for use in connection with iron exports through Kwinana is expected to open next month.

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Re-sleeper of GSR line between Avon Yard and Narrogin is nearing completion with the work having reached about half way down the Cuballing Bank on the outskirts of Narrogin by August 25th. Spot ballasting and tamping is also taking place in Avon Yard York section.





DAZ1905 on sleeper/trainlaying train approaching Northern Gully on August 12th. Photo Sean McGarraghy



6008 & 6009 with dead attached 6002 behind crew car on 5MP1 being delivered to WA for hire to ARG for use on iron ore trains approaching Parkeston on August 20th. Photo Peter Donaghy





NR49 & NR45 on 7PM5 August 27th about to pass under Kalamunda Road Bridge. Photo Mike Forster



6007, 6002 & CLP13 on 6PM1 QRN intermodal at Middle Swan on August 12th. Photo Simon Barber





P2506 & P2507 on empty grain at Herne Hill on August 20th.

Photo Mike Forster



P2517 & DBZ2308 on grain at Midland on August 22nd.

Photo Justin Brown





6012 & CLF2 on QRN intermodal 7PM1 at Bellevue with work progressing on the new bridge August 27th.



6012 & CLP13 on 7PM1 QRN intermodal service at Millendon August 20th. Both photos Mike Forster



PTA has been conducting regular exercises in Perth City Station, Perth Underground Station and Esplanade Station in suspicious package location, suspicious person location and suspicious activity identification to prepare staff for CHOGM [Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting] in late October. Intensive CCTV monitoring of all suburban stations and trains for any suspicious activity or persons will also be taking place in the lead up to and during this conference.



AN11, AN7 & NR1 on 6PM6 running through Parkeston loop on August 20th.

Photo Peter Donaghy

Esperance freighter 443/442 often runs ballast train or rail train together with fuel tankers resulting in having two locomotives on the service usually L/LZs on August 19th DC2215 and L class ran 6443 to Esperance returning on 7442 to Kalgoorlie on 20th.

Rerailing and re-sleeping of Esperance line has been completed between 210km and Daniell also Salmon Gums to 295km leaving only Salmon Gums to Beete and Beete to Daniell sections to be upgraded. Spot upgrading is also taking place between Hampton and Kambalda.

Construction of six C44ACi locomotives at UGL Rail Chullora workshops for QRN to be used on ore and general traffic in WA is well under way with AC4401 virtually completed and painted in QRN livery. AC4402 and AC4403 are also nearing completion but yet to be painted work continues on AC4404 thru AC4406 that are in various at stages of assembly.