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LZ3109, LZ3120 & LQ3121 run 3426 freight October 19th at Midland with the now rare sight of LZ class locomotives hauling this overnight train from Kalgoorlie. Photo Sean McGarraghy

CLP11 on 3MP1 QRN intermodal failed east of Parkeston on October 20th leaving G516 to haul the service through to West Kalgoorlie where LZ3105 was attached as remote third unit to assist in hauling it through to Forrestfield. 3MP1 arrived some hours late at Forrestfield on 21st and again had LZ3105 as remote unit on 7PM1 to Adelaide on 22nd. LZ3105 was detached in Adelaide on 24th and returned dead attached behind 6003 & CLF2 on 2MP1 arriving back at Forrestfield October 27th.

Heavy rain again fell on ARTC Trans Line on October 22nd in Karonie Blamey area causing all the streams to flow with water near track at 1686km and 1690km. Rain continued on 23rd and 24th resulting in track scouring on loop at Karonie that was closed and speed restriction imposed on west end points. Track gang repaired the flood damage on 25th with the loop reopened during afternoon.

R1902 ran a now rare rail train 7RT1 to drop rail in Avon Valley on October 22nd around 94km and then continued south on to Great Southern Railway to pick up rail returning to flashbutt on 25th.



Areal view of FMG loco depot with SD90MAC-H two CW44-9 on October 15th.

Photo Baden Tidd



G516, CLP11 & LZ3105 run QRN intermodal 3MPI at Toodyay October 21st.

Photo Sean McGarraghy



Q4019, AC4308 & Q4001 on 5430 empty sulphur October 21st at Windmill Hill. Photo Sean McGarraghy



4349 & 5648 mid train DPU units on loaded ore train passing empty at Bing October 15th. Photo Baden Tidd



FMG 908 being loaded onto BBC Congo at Norfolk VA on October 14th.

Photo Ian White



LZ3120 & LQ3121 on acid tankers for 3426 freight in West Kalgoorlie yard on October 18th that will have LZ3105 attached to lead giving three Ls in three different liveries.

Photo Peter Donaghy



NR8 standing on the loop at Parkeston beside NR5 on 6SP6 where third unit NR8 had just been detached to run light engine to back Zanthus to rescue failed 6MP5 on October 23rd. Photo Peter Donaghy



Rio Tinto Evo 8166 about to be lifted aboard BBC Congo at Norfolk on October 17th. Photo Ian White



DC2205 & DC2215 stabled in West Kalgoorlie yard on October 21st.

Photo Peter Donaghy



Q4011 on 2055 empty grain about to go under Welshpool Road Bridge October 24th. Photo Brendan Cherry



NR53, NR57 & NR21 on 2PM5 at Woodbridge intermodal at dusk on October 24th. Photo Brendan Cherry



G516, CLF11 & LZ3105 on 7PM1 QRN intermodal at Woodbridge on October 22nd. Photo Jim Bisdee



DC2213 & ACA6012 on 5154 light engines to Forrestfield at Guildford October 27th. Photo Jim Bisdee



NR18 on 1PA8 Indian Pacific crossing Swan River at Guildford on October 16th. Photo Jim Bisdee



6007 & CLF2 on QRN 6PM1 at Donkey Crossing Toodyay on October 21st. Photo Sean McGarraghy



L3115 on 6154 shunter with new 20 WOE ore cars crossing Swan River on October 14th. Photo Jim Bisdee

COGHM [Commonwealth heads of Government Meeting] was held in Perth October 28th, 29th and 30th with the CBD in near lockdown in a massive security operation. Usual Queens Birthday holiday was moved from October 3rd to 28th to ease disruption to the city centre. Travel on all public transport was free on both 28th and 29th. A massive BBQ was held on mid morning on October 29th the Esplanade on Perth's foreshore as last engagement for Queen Elizabeth on this trip to Australia. With parking in Perth nearly non-existent and free public transport trains on all lines were very well patronised. Passengers from Mandurah alighted at Perth Esplanade, Clarkson line Perth Underground, Midland and Armadale lines at McIver and Fremantle line Perth City station. Boarding was a similar pattern for the 100,000 people that attended.



LQ3121 & ACA6002 on 4154 light engines at Woodbridge on October 26th.

Photo Jim Bisdee

Modification to QRN 6000 class units 6002 was completed by October 26th when LQ3121 ran 4155 light engine to attach now reclassified ACA6002 and return as multiple unit light engines to Forrestfield. DC2213 its first use following heavy maintenance was run 5155 light engine and run in multiple light engine with ACA6012 from URG Bassendean to Forrestfield on 27th.
