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ACA6010 & ACA6005 on 7035 empty ore train at Bellevue November 12th.

Photo Alex MacKay

Behaviour on the free 2:30 and 4:00 am trains on Saturday and Sunday mornings has improved following an altercation between two groups at Beckenham Station on Armadale line on November 20th. This disturbance resulted in two Transit Guard's receiving injuries when assaulted by members of the opposing groups. A Police crackdown on violence on the Armadale line following these attacks has seen a number of arrests for violent and criminal behaviour. Reports indicate these free early morning get home services on the other four lines have seen only minor trouble.

QR National have purchased a hi-rail shunting tractor RVP2001 for use at Esperance Port in positioning the last car in the 63 ore car rakes in the RCD [rotary car dumper] and pushing the ore rake through the car dumper to enable the next loaded rake of 63 ore cars to access the dumper. Use of this rail tractor in positioning empty ore rakes will enable the next 63 car rake to enter the dumper but not block The Esplanade level crossing at entry to Port of Esperance.

Correction: In issue 165 it was stated there would be ten ACN4141 to ACN4150 when the ex Mt Isa line locomotives arrive there will actually be 12 being ACN4141 to ACN4152 in WA then.



Earthworks are well advanced on new and improved rail formation next to existing Mullewa to Morawa railway at Dean Road Wilroy about 20km south of Mullewa November 20th. Photo Phil Melling



QR National new Narngulu East depot showing construction undertaken November 20th. Photo Phil Melling



RVP2001 new hi-rail empty ore car shunt tractor at Esperance Port December 2nd. Photo Wayne Andrews



R1902 on rail train at Kojerena on Narngulu Mullewa line November 24th.

Photo Phil Melling



ACN4149 & ACN4147 driver training arriving at Geraldton Port November 28th.

Photo Phil Melling



LZ3111 on 5442 tankers on roller coaster Leonora line a few kilometres north of Kalgoorlie December 1st
this line only saw a train a week as narrow gauge in early 1970s.

Photo Peter Donaghy



MMY32 QRN rail grinder on Leonora line just outside Kalgoorlie November 24th. Photo Peter Donaghy



R1902 on 4RT2 empty rail train at Coomberdale December 1st. Photo John Stephens

Heavy lift ship BBC Congo arrived at Port of Dampier 0700 November 25th to anchor and wait a berth with one coming available on evening of 27th. The latest six General Electric ES44DCi locomotives 8166 to 8171 were unloaded during day on 28th and 29th November with BBC Congo then sailing for Port Hedland at 1600. These new locomotives are complete and on their bogies were hauled on 116 wheel floats the short distance from the port to 7 Mile workshop for commissioning.



ACN4150 runs 4122 light engine trial to Kwinana at Thornlie November 30th.

Photo Jim Bisdee

Local press in Midland has again been pushing the removal of the dual gauge line through the town as it splits the business district in two. Even if they were successful in removing the freight line the dual gauge passenger line must remain with a connection to East Perth Terminal for standard gauge passenger services. Very little gain for massive expenditure unless a huge cut and fill tunnel as was put in that would bury all the lines but would be prohibitively expensive.

Watco WA Rail Pty Ltd the new operator for CBH grain trains advertised through Skilled Group for train crews in Weekend West newspaper on November 26th.

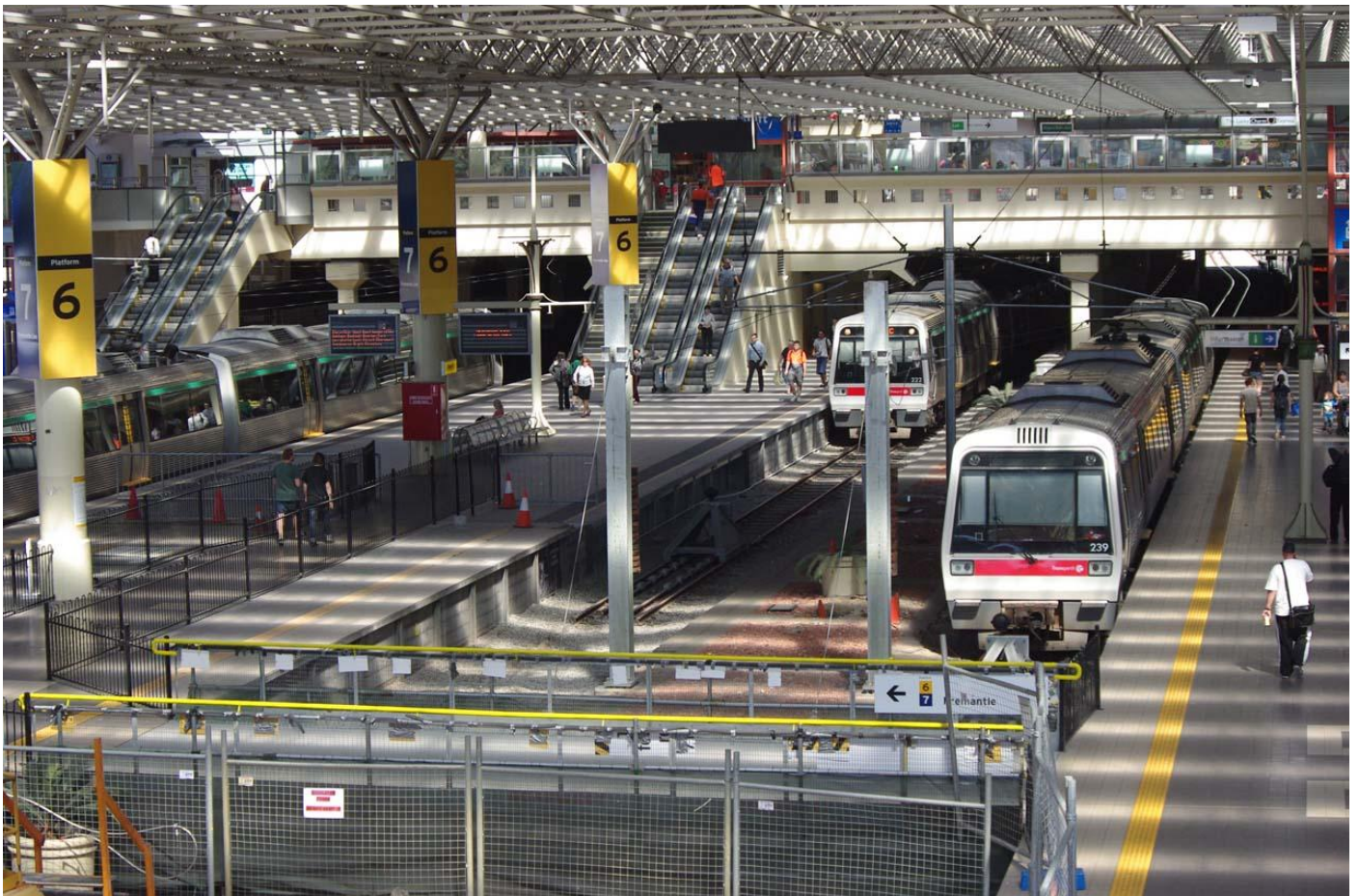
EMU set #15 that suffered minor damage in a collision at Claisebrook EMU depot on November 17th returned to service on 28th following repair.

DAZ1906 & AB1504 hauled rake of narrow gauge grain wagons out of Merredin on evening of November 27th to run Avon Yard Northam. It is not known if or when rail haulage will resume on these Tier 3 lines.



DBZ2312 runs grain train through Stratton at dusk on November 20th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



Platform changes at Perth City Station November 29th in preparation for sinking the Fremantle line with platform 5 and 6 now dead ends same as platforms 3 and 4.

Photo Simon Barber



SCT001 & SCT008 on 1PM9 block vans at Millendon Junction November 20th. Photo Brendan Cherry

DC2213 hauled ACB4404 to UGR Bassendean on 6154 shunter for commissioning modification to suit use in WA on December 2nd.

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