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LZ3101 having failed and stripped down EMD 645E3 engine removed December 6th at CFCLA workshop Goulbourn NSW to enable fitting of a replacement.

Photo Leon Oberg

LZ3101 failed with a broken crankshaft at number 14 cylinder a replacement engine arrived at CFCLA workshop at Goulbourn on December 5th. The failed engine had earlier been stripped down was removed on 6th with the replacement engine then being fitted.

SCT K208 was hauled to Gemco/SSRS yard Bellevue for overhaul as 6SC1 on December 1st by H5.

EMU set #33 was released to traffic following overhaul on December 5th with EMU set #35 then withdrawn from service for overhaul.

AB1501 ran ten XM and XH ballast wagons on 4755 empty wagon movement to Narngulu on November 30th. AB1501 had shunted up and brake tested the ballast rake at old Midland Yard on 29th then running to narrow gauge short arrivals as 3BT2 empty ballast to stable. There are now only seven XM ballast wagons at old Midland yard and these are the only narrow gauge ballast wagons outside the Mid West.



LZ3109 on 5197 Soundcem cement and lime shunter at Thornlie on December 5th. Photo Brendan Cherry



L3113 & LZ3117 on 7056 grain crosses 6006 & CLP11 on 7PM1 QRN intermodal just south of Toodyay Road crossing at Stratton on November 26th. Photo Simon Barber



NR22 & NR23 on 7PM5 runs past the Stratton wetlands on November 26th.

Photo Simon Barber



ACA6012 on 2034 ore train at Thornlie on December 5th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



Q4019 on 2167 empty acid tankers at Thornlie on December 5th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



Q4010 & ACA6012 on 1035 empty iron ore train at Millendon November 27th.

Photo Simon Barber



NR37 & NR70 on 1PS6 at Millendon on November 27th.

Photo Simon Barber



Track washed away at Pingaring floodway December 10th.

Photo Daryle Phillips

Extensive flooding took place on Lake Grace Hyden line from 3km south of Pingaring to Karlgarin resulting in services being suspended till water recedes and repairs undertaken. John Holland track crew undertook the track rebuilding with AD Contracting from Albany providing crews and heavy machinery to rebuild the formation that also saw ADH transport hauling in ballast by road. This heavy rain fell on December 6th with Pingaring receiving 150mm and Hyden 105mm that has seriously disrupted harvesting and will probably cause the crops to be downgraded. Flood waters flowed northwest from upper reaches of river system in Hyden area to Narembene causing some local flooding. Flood water from Pingaring area flowed west and washed over section of old Kondinin Kulin line that had been previously flooded in the 1990s.



Commencing rebuilding the railway formation at Pingaring floodway December 10th. Photo Daryle Phillips

New QR National locomotives for WA operations ACB4405 and ACB4406 commenced their delivery journey to WA on November 24th from UGR plant Chullora NSW where they were assembled. These two locomotives were hauled dead attached on from Sydney to Melbourne on 5SM9 intermodal behind CLF2 & CLF4 arriving in Melbourne on morning of 25th where the two ACBs were detached. On November 28th ACB4405 departed Melbourne in power on 2MP1 intermodal behind 6001, but ahead of CLP11 & G6516 for Adelaide arriving on 29th and detached. ACB4406 departed Melbourne on 3MP1 intermodal on 29th behind 6009, 6003 and ahead of 2202 arriving on 30th where ACB4406 was detached joining ACB4405 stabled at MPC. ACB4405 departed Adelaide December 2nd dead attached behind 6003 & 6004 on 5MP1 intermodal arriving in Forrestfield early hours on 4th. Only ACB4406 remained to be delivered it departed Adelaide dead attached on December 6th behind 6001 & CLP11 on 2MP1 intermodal arriving at Forrestfield in early hours of 8th completing this six locomotive order.



LZ3104 & Q4015 run 7C72 light engines to WEK at start of CTC on December 3rd. Photo Peter Donaghy



Q4015 on short 1478 nickel train ex Leonora approaching Kalgoorlie December 4th. Photo Peter Donaghy



Out of use Kondinin Kulin line showing recent washaway on December 10th.

Photo Daryle Phillips



Water flowing through Narembeen December 10th that originated at Hyden.

Photo Daryle Phillips

ACB4401 and ACB4402 were hauled out of Forrestfield on 6025 overnight freight to Kalgoorlie on December 9th behind the usual combination of multi unit Q class Q4019 & Q4018 to enter service.



6003 & 6004 on 5MP1 QRN intermodal hauling new C44ACi locomotive ACB4405 on its delivery run to QR National Forrestfield entering Kalgoorlie on December 3rd. Photo Peter Donaghy

Two new crossing loops have been constructed on Mullewa Perenjori line, Bell a 1379m long loop between about 339km and 340km.500m that also has back track cripple road. Other new loop Monger is only a 1389m long crossing loop between about 422km.500m and 424km.

MA1862 saw further use running to old Midland yard on 2UB2 at 2330 December 5th to attach ballast wagons and run ballast train on Armadale line. Following night ballasting MA1862 ran the ballast fleet back to old Midland yard to stable then returned as 3UB1 light engine to Claisebrook following first service out of Midland on the 6th.
