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LZ3107 hauling ACB4405 & ACB4406 waits to cross Railway Parade Bassendean and enter UGR/RHWA private siding to deliver the ACBs for modification December 20th. Photo Jim Bisdee

Rebuilding and upgrading of the Mullewa to Morawa line is gaining momentum with extensive earthworks being undertaken at various places along the line. This line is not just being upgraded on its present formation but will have the majority of the line rebuilt on new formation that does not just follow the contours on the land. Stockpiling of ballast and distributing sleepers are now well underway in preparation for tracklaying to commence. From Karara Junction to south end of Bell loop then from north end of Bell loop at about 340.7km to about 368k [3km south of Canna], also from 401.5km to south end of Monger loop at about 422.75km will be a new alignment. From Karara Junction to Monger loop is about 85kms so some 60 odd kilometres of the line will be on a new and improved gradient for greatly improved train operation. This line and the Narngulu Mullewa line are both scheduled to be completed in December 2012.

ACN4150 ran with new AKOF28001 two pack ore car from Forrestfield to Kwinana on December 20th and onto Brunswick as 3TT2 test train then returning to Kwinana as 3TT1 following the trial. ACN4150 hauling AKOF2801 ran 6TT1 empty ore car movement back to Forrestfield on 23rd.





K205 on ballast train loading at ballast dump about 20km on Karara line December 16th. Photo Jim Bisdee



AC4301 on 5030 ore train nearing Welshpool Road Bridge Wattle Grove December 15th. Photo Justin Smith





6007 & 6003 on QRN intermodal 3PM1 at West Kalgoorlie on December 21st.

Photo Peter Donaghy



B series EMU set 484 on Fremantle service at North Fremantle December 18th.

Photo Brendan Cherry





LZ3109 being turned on Kalgoorlie turntable December 18th rare usually use triangle. Photo Peter Donaghy



LZ3107 propels 20 WOE ore cars back into UGR to allow ACBs to be shunted off 20/12. Photo Jim Bisdee





UGR shunter ex Westrail TA1813 shunts back detach two ACBs at UGR December 20th. Photo Jim Bisdee



LQ3122, LZ3103 & DC2206 on 8958 QR grain train at Marulan NSW December 19th. Photo Simon Barber





R1902 runs 1S82 empty CFCLA now 1087mm CHAY ballast wagons into Midland loop December 18th.



Earthworks underway on Perenjori line north of Tardun to improve gradient 16/12. Both photos Jim Bisdee





B series EMU set 480 in regular service Fremantle line at Claremont December 18th. Photo Brendan Cherry



Ballast stockpile at Tardun to be used upgrading Perenjori line December 16th.

Photo Jim Bisdee





DBZ2312 & 2512 arriving to load grain train at CBH silo Broomehill December 17th. Photo Daryle Phillips



AN3 now with very faded livery refuelling at Parkeston on 6MP4 December 11th. Photo Peter Donaghy



Final two ACB locomotives to arrive for QRN WA operations ACB4405 and ACB4406 were hauled to UGR Bassendean by LZ3107 on December 20th for modification to suit local requirements. A rake of 20 new WOA ore cars had been shunted down beside RHWA Museum by URG shunter that was stabled on an adjacent track. On arrival LZ3105 attached to the rake of ore cars and propelled them back into UGR yard while hauling the ACBs. This enabled UGR shunter to run onto rear and detach the two ACBs shunt them onto another road to allow LZ3107 to run the 20 ore wagons to Forrestfield as 3154 Bassendean shunter.



LZ3107 hauling 20 new ore cars onto PTA line at Bassendean December 20th.

Photo Jim Bisdee

QR National ran Christmas Extra 1MP1 intermodal behind 6003 & 6007 arriving around noon on 20th departing as 3PM1 behind 6007 & 6003 around dawn on 21st giving a rare afternoon arrival in Kalgoorlie.

# Wishing all our readers a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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