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DC2205 & L3113 run 2056 grain down east leg of Woodbridge triangle on January 4th. Photo Jim Bisdee

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Another line in the Mid West now sees iron ore trains abet as a short term measure till the Morawa line and Karara line are completed and commissioned in late 2012. Ore trains commenced running from Mingenew to Geraldton port on January 3rd for Midwest Corporation. The first train 4765 was worked by P2517 & P2502 with these ore trains expected to be worked by ACN locomotives following an initial series of services. Ore is trucked from Sino Midwest Karara Mine to Mingenew where it has been stockpiled waiting commencement of this temporary ore train running. Trains are loaded with front end loaders as is the usual practice with all Mid West ore producers.

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An industrial accident occurred in tunnel connecting Perth Underground Station to Clarkson line on January 30th resulting in all work on Perth City Link Project being suspended. This sees work on the new pedestrian tunnel at Perth City Station that was to commence on January 3rd also suspended till further notice





4354 & 4357 about to run loaded ore train under Redbank Bridge at Port Hedland on December 31st two further DPU locomotives are about 110 ore cars back on this train.

Photo Baden Tidd



QR National empty ore train 4035 departs AIS siding Kwinana for Forrestfield following unloading on December 28th.

Photo Simon Barber





P2503, P2510 & DAZ1903 on 4723 Mt Gibson ore train loaded at Perenjori nearing Tardun on its run to Geraldton to unload January 4th.

Photo John Stephens



7054, 8115 further dash-9 on loaded Mesa A ore train are waiting for cross at Greenpool loop on Robe River Iron Associates Deepdale line on January 1st.

Photo Baden Tidd





ACA6005 arriving at AIS Kwinana on 7034 ore train to unload January 1st.

Photo Kieran Wright



DFZ2405, DFZ2404 & DFZ2401 on empty ore train at Bringa on Mullewa line 24/12.

Photo Phil Melling





Q4002 & L3110 on 5443 empty fuel train to Esperance December 29th with two repaired ore cars, tank cars and 18 new WOE ore cars on delivery run from builders departing West Kalgoorlie. Photo Peter Donaghy



P2514 & AB1502 on 7364 grain ex Wyalkatchem at Northam Racecourse 17/12. Photo Sean McGarraghy





L3115 & L3113 on 7057 empty grain approaching Avon Yard December 17th. Photo Sean McGarraghy



4371, 5637 & 5664 on empty ore train Nelson Point Yard December 23rd. Photo Baden Tidd





NR58 & RZDY103 on 3CK1 crew transfer train ex Cook arriving Parkeston 27/12. Photo Peter Donaghy



Clarkson service departing platform 7 with service ex Clarkson just arrived on platform 9 Perth City Station December 30th these Joondalup line services run out of this station for week after Xmas. Photo Jim Bisdee





DC2215 & LZ3109 on 6443 empty fuel train ex Leonora at West Kalgoorlie 30/12. Photo Peter Donaghy



AOKF ore cars for Karara Mining being unloaded at Geraldton Port on December 27th. Photo Phil Melling





AKOF ore car being trucked to storage site on December 27th.

Photo Phil Melling



AKOF ore cars stored in temporary yard at Woorree on December 28th.

Photo Phil Melling



Recently commissioned turntable at Esperance was placed out of use on January 2nd due to some form subsidence jamming the turntable luckily no locomotive was being turned. It was inspected on 3rd to ascertain the problem with arrangements being made to return it to service. This turntable is a newer design to the older Westrail turntables in that the central pivot is not the sole load bearing point with the weight being distributed on the pivot point and at the end of the table as well.



ACN4147 stabled on CHOY ballast train at Gutha January 8th.

Photo John Stephens

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MV Hong Peng arrived at Port of Geraldton on December 27th to discharge 110 AOKF [55 2xpack] rotary dump ore cars for QR National. These cars the initial batch of 220 2xpack [440 ore cars] that are to see use on Karara Mining ore trains. These cars are at present stored in a temporary yard Woorree.

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Construction of the next batch of ES44DCi for Rio Tinto has been completed at General Electric in Erie Pa with 8172 being tested on GE test track in undercoat with two Union Pacific Gevos on December 11th.

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