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8174 Rio Tinto ES44DCi in the snow testing on the G E Erie PA test track January 5th. Photo Ian White

The next three Rio Tinto ES44DCi locomotives 8172, 8173 and 8174 were constructed in December 2011 by General Electric in Erie PA underwent works testing December into early January. The locomotives were tarped and prepared for shipment to Australia then hauled to Norfolk VA mid January for export.

Work commenced January 9th in Perth Station on first stage of the new pedestrian access to link Perth Underground Station with all platforms at Perth Station on one seamless level. To construct stage one Platform 5 has closed from Wellington Street entrance to under Horseshoe Bridge. Passengers connecting between services are using a temporary walkway in front of the Perth Station building till mid 2012. The temporary walkway connecting platform 5 and platform 6/7 has closed and will be removed to allow construction of the underpass to take place.

Evening Forrestfield Kalgoorlie and Kalgoorlie Forrestfield mixed freight usually worked by Q class locomotives has again seen multiple L/LZ locomotives work 3025 January 10th to Kalgoorlie as LQ3121, LZ3119 & LZ3104 while LZ3109, LZ3119, LZ3104 & offline DC2215 ran 4426 ex Kalgoorlie on 11th.



LZ3109, LZ3119, LZ3104 & DC2215 on 4426 in West Kalgoorlie January 11th.

Photo Peter Donaghy



LZ3109, LZ3119, LZ3104 & DC2215 on 4426 at Stratton on January 12th.

Photo Alex Mackay



DAZ1905 & P2513 on 6302 grain at Herne Hill on January 4th.

Photo Sean McGarraghy



DC2205 on 1197 cement and lime Soundcem shunter at Jandakot January 8th.

Photo Alex Mackay



NR26 on 1PA8 Indian Pacific at Grass Valley on January 8th.

Photo Simon Barber



R1902 on empty CHEY ballast cars at Bringo December 20th.

Photo Phil Melling



Q4013 on 6167 empty acid tankers at Thornlie December 30th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



L3113 on 1025 with empty salt wagons at Jandakot on January 8th.

Photo Alex Mackay



8173 & 8174 undergoing multiple unit testing at GE Erie PA January 4th.

Photo Ian White



DC2205 & L3113 run 4056 grain out of Toodyay West on January 4th.

Photo Sean McGarraghy



P2502 & P2516 on 4750 empty grain about to load at CBH Carnamah January 4th.

Photo Ian Godfrey



Q4019 & Q4012 on 1C72 light engines returning to Kalgoorlie after running Parkeston shunter on January 8th these were the locomotives off 7025 overnight freight.

Photo Peter Donaghy



L3113 on 6143 container train at Fremantle on January 6th.

Photo Simon Barber



P2513 & P2508 on 2765 ore train to Mingenev at Narngulu on January 9th.

Photo Ian Godfrey

2204 that arrived in Forrestfield in late December and saw no use in WA returned interstate behind 6007 & CLP11 on 6PM1 QRN intermodal on January 14th.



ACN4147 on ballast train between Tardun and Leda [new loop north of Canna] 13/12. Photo John Stephens

Final Comeng Prospector railcar remaining at CD Dodd scrapyard in Forrestfield WCA901 was scrapped on January 13th. This car that escaped scrapping in late 2011 has been used recently by Fire and Emergency Services in rescue and recovery training. Fire Services hot training area is adjacent to this scrapyard.
