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Q4002 & DC2213 on 1C12 AK car inspection train approaching Great Eastern Highway Bridge at Binduli as inspection train nears end of its daylight run north from Esperance February 12th. Photo Peter Donaghy

An alarming number of people aren't waiting but are jumping the pedestrian gates or opening the access gate then running across in front of the approaching train to cross the line or to board the service. In past few weeks no one has been hit but there have been quite a few close near misses on the old original lines Midland, Fremantle and Armadale lines. All pedestrian crossings on these lines are protected with gates and the trend now appears to be people are in too much of a hurry to wait.

Services were cancelled between Bassendean and Midland from 7:30pm on February 10th till first service on 13th to enable replacing the wooden sleepers with concrete at Woodbridge Station. Prospector services commenced from or terminated at Midland Station on 10th, 11th and 12th. The Indian Pacific service operated as normal into and out of East Perth Terminal on 11th and 12th.

Rio Tinto ES44DCi 8176 was under test on GE test track at Erie PA leading GECX AC6000CW 6000 and BNSF ES44 6196 on February 16th.



Rio Tinto ES44DCi 8178 under test on GE test track at Erie PA in snow on February 12th. Photo Ian White



L3108 on 7443 empty fuel tankers to Esperance at Binduli February 12th.

Photo Peter Donaghy



ACB4405, ACB4406 & L3116 on 5443 Esperance fuel train with four new ore cars and 15 empty tankers at West Kalgoorlie yard February 16th. Photo Peter Donaghy



P2507 & 2512 on 4759 empty grain to CBH Moora at Millendon February 15th. Photo Simon Barber



NR52, NR79 dead attached VL357 on 1MP5 intermodal at Millendon February 15th. Photo Simon Barber



3030 ore in the smog in severe smoke haze at Midland on February 15th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



DC2205 hauls fuel tankers from BP terminal Kewdale to Forrestfield February 15th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



6006 & LDP006 on 5MP1 on heavily double stacked intermodal shunting out of West Kalgoorlie yard towards Binduli triangle February 11th.

Photo Peter Donaghy



Sleeper replacing machine stabled off track for weekend Bunduli February 12th. Both photos Peter Donaghy



Sleeper replacement machine at Binduli February 12th note steel sleepers to be inserted adjacent to track.



Q4014 at Guildford on 2154 shunter nine new ore wagons to Forrestfield February 13th. Photo Jim Bisdee



NR23 & NR101 on 4WP2 steel train at Toodyay January 29th.

Photo Simon Barber



P2514 & 2512 on 1363 empty grain at Toodyay January 29th.

Photo Simon Barber



LQ3121 & DC2213 on 2443 combined empty ballast cars and tankers to Esperance beside Q4019 & Q4010 setting back onto 2426 freight to Forrestfield at West Kalgoorlie January 30th.

Photo Peter Donaghy

Builders numbers for Rio Tinto ES44DCi locomotives 8172 thru 8174 on way to Dampier are 60770 to 60772 while builder's numbers for 8175 thru 8186 under construction in Erie PA are 60773 to 60784.



Q4001, Q4010 & ACB4404 on Parkeston shunter 7C71 at Kalgoorlie February 4th. Photo Peter Donaghy

AK car inspection train did its usual quarterly inspection of Brookfield lines Kalgoorlie to Forrestfield and branches to Leonora and Esperance. G&W 2210 ran the inspection train to Forrestfield on February 7th then stabling and returning to Kalgoorlie on 8th, to Leonora on 9th returning on 10th to Esperance on 11th returning on 12th. 2210 was stabled at Kalgoorlie loco while QRN locomotives hauled the AK cars on the lines north and south of Kalgoorlie.

VL357 was hauled to Kewdale behind NR52 & NR79 on 1MP5 arriving on February 15th was then hauled Forrestfield on 16th for delivery to Gemco Rail for attention before being used by Watco till the new CBH locomotives being constructed in US arrive.

Q4014 on 4029 sulphur train hauled ACB4406 & ACB4405 offline overnight to West Kalgoorlie arriving on February 16th with the two ACBs being detached. ACB4405 & ACB4406 with dead L3116 ran 5443 empty fuel train overnight to Esperance arriving on 17th. After inspection and set up the two ACBs were deployed into the ore train pool over the weekend.
