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CBH001 new heavy weight narrow gauge locomotive undergoing tests February 29th in MotivePower yardBosie Idaho with snow on the hillsides the only time it will ever be in snow.Photo CBH Group

Correction: the power of the new standard gauge and heavy narrow gauge CBH locomotives is 2461kw [3300hp] as an incorrect figure was quoted in CBH media release with it repeated in news item issue #179.

EMU set #46 involved in an incident on the Armadale line November 24th remains stowed at Claisebrook as its believed to require very extensive and expensive repairs to its electrics and control systems. It is believed that set #46 will be the next EMU overhauled owing to its extensive damage its more cost effective to overhaul it even though not due than just repair it and overhaul it later. This also only keeps one set out of service at any one time as set #35 now under overhaul is nearing completion.

With ACB4406 and ACB4402 having recently run in multiple on Mt Walton ore trains all the Q, AC, ACA and ACB locomotive classes have now run on this service.



Long end view of CBH001 at MotivePower plant on February 29th.

Photo CBH Group



CBH001 in MotivePower Inc paint shop Bosie Idaho February 24th.

Photo CBH Group



DBZ2309 on empty export coal train going thru Mundijong March 4th.

Photo Brian Cherry



John Holland tamper, XT grain and XOA woodchip wagon in Albany yard March 6th. Photo Deejay Page



Converted VF wooden bogie vans at Boyup Brook in the old station yard March 4th. Photo Deejay Page



B series set 86 with stowed A series set 46 at Claisebrook March 2nd.



NR20 on Indian Pacific interstate passenger train 1PA8 at Bungulla March 4th.

Photo Simon Barber



8184 under test with G E test units at Nagle Road Bridge Erie PA March 3rd

Photo Ian White



8182 on test with 905 and CPR unit on 4 Mile Creek Bridge Erie PA March 2nd.

Photo Ian White



Q4019 on 1478 nickel train from Leonora at Lamington February 26th.

Photo Peter Donaghy



NR80 on 1PX4 stabled in Engineers Siding Parkeston February 19th.

Photo Peter Donaghy



DBZ2302 on caustic tankers departing Kwinana for Alcoa Refinery March 4th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



DBZ2307 & DBZ2304 on 1271 lime and empty coal at Wellard March 4th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



NR85 & NR64 on 1PS6 intermodal at Tammin March 4th.

Photo Simon Barber

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Parking at suburban stations on Mandurah and Joondalup lines is again an issue with people parking wherever than can find a spot on side roads or verges as all the car parks are full even though most of them have been enlarged in recent months. The larger car parks still cannot cover demand for parking spots as patronage on these lines continues to rise. Some 70 cars had their tyres slashed in Roberts Street Como on March 7th this is believed linked to the non availability of any public parking at Canning Bridge Station.



LZ3106 & LZ3119 on 6058 grain train at Cunderdin on March 2nd.

Photo Jim Bisdee

Owing to flooding in much of New South Wales Pacific National intermodal services from Sydney and Indian Pacific interstate passenger service were diverted via Melbourne from March 5th. This longer journey now sees Sydney services running very late and arriving into Forrestfield in daylight.

_____Next issue will be on Monday March 12th as normal______

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