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ACB4402 & ACB4406 on 1035 empty ore train at Grass Valley March 4th.

Photo Simon Barber

Withdrawn 42209 and 42211 stored at Forrestfield and are being cannibalised for parts as required both were hauled out to front of old tubs in late February following 2208 removal from storage to workshop for overhaul. 2201 and 2203 are still stored out of service never seeing use since their arrival in December 2008.

DB2311 was the final DB in service as all other DBs have been overhauled and converted to DBZs by fitting ZTR traction package over recent years. It was worked to Forrestfield during night of March 6th and withdrawn for overhaul it will emerge as DBZ2311 later this year.

ACN4141 and ACN4146 underwent light engine works trials to Kwinana with ACN4146 running as 3120 light engine on 6th and ACN4141 running 4120 light engine trial on 7th.

Final 20 odd WOE ore cars at builders UGR Bassendean were made up by UGR shunter with LZ3117 running 6155 light engine to collect them on March 2nd. LZ3117 hauled 6154 Bassendean shunter back to Forrestfield that completed this 227 car contract as part of Portman Mining expansion.



NR98 with a crew car stabled in West Kalgoorlie yards on February 25th.

Photo Peter Donaghy



Ballast plough being re-railed at Bellevue after return from Karara line February 26th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



NDFF ballast wagon being railed at Bellevue after return from Karara line February 25th. Photo Jim Bisdee



Drivers eye view of Pinjarra Calcine line with junction of Bunbury Calcine line and Dwellingup line in the distance February 9th. Photo Murray Rowe



DBZ2306 is unloading alumina train at Alcoa Kwinana Refinery while overlooking Cockburn Sound 16/02.



DB2311 runs 6258 empty caustic tankers to Kwinana at Keysbrook March 2nd. Both photos Murray Rowe



AC4301 & ACA6002 on 3035 empty ore train at Woodbridge February 21st.

Photo Justin Brown



ACB4402, ACB4403, ACB4406 & LZ3109 on 5443 Esperance freight Binduli 08/03. Photo Peter Donaghy



LDP003 & G516 on 3MP1 intermodal with Cook tankers at Kalgoorlie March 8th. Photo Peter Donaghy



DD2357 & DBZ2310 on Alumina hoppers at Bunbury February 19th. Photo Brendan Cherry



DD2359 on empty caustic tankers to Bunbury at Waterloo February 19th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



ACN4151 with ACN4149 at East Narngulu on long rake of AKOF ore cars March 8th.

Photo Phil Melling



DFZ2405, DFZ2403 & P2502 on loaded Mt Gibson ore train at Morawa March 5th.

Photo Phil Melling



NR75 & NR119 on 2PM5 no crew car Sadleirs vans on front at Stratton February 20th. Photo Justin Brown



ACB4402 & L3113 on 6025 shunter ex Kwinana at Kewdale March 2nd.

Photo Justin Brown



S3111 on alumina at Roelands February 19th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



LDP003 & CLF2 on 7PM1 QRN intermodal at Brigadoon February 18th.

Photo Murray Rowe



P2517 on 1702 minerals sands train at Bootenal March 4th.

Photo Phil Melling

Mineral sand service to Eneabba from Narngulu recommenced on January 22nd but in recent weeks has again been suspended resuming on March 4th on usual overnight timetable. Final mineral sands service before resumption ran on August 30th 2010 that at the time looked like the end of the Dongara to Eneabba line.



ACN4148 runs rake of CHAY ballast wagons into Kemp siding to reload March 5th. Photo Phil Melling

DD2358 at Albany was out of service from about 22nd till around 29th February with woodchips train being run by DBZ2308 and DBZ2312. P2506 & P2509 ran the grain service that was alternating between Cranbrook and Lake Grace. DD2356 arrived back at Wagin on 4th following extensive maintenance at Forrestfield workshop DD2356 was given load trial to York on 6302/6303 grain on March 2nd being detached on arrival at Avon yard. It was attached to 3663 grain from Lake Grace at Wagin on 6th for its return to Albany. DD2358 and DD2356 were again running woodchip services on March 8th. With DD2358 were further two XO woodchip wagons giving 22 such wagons now at Albany. P2505 had hauled DD2358 and the two woodchip wagons to Wagin then attached P2506 and hauled it back to Avon yard on 6th.