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ACN4149 on ballast train stabled at Mullewa March 27th.

Photo Phil Melling

ACN4168 arrived by road from QRN Redbank workshops on afternoon of April 3rd followed by ACN4169 arriving in morning of April 4th with ACN4169 being put on its bogies upon arrival. ACN4168 was then railed with both now undergoing commissioning and any further modification to suit WA conditions.

Brookfield Rail donated a section of the Tenindewa Rail Bridge built in 1929 and subsequently rebuilt in 1971 after being destroyed by Cyclone Mavis to the local community in a monument placed outside old Post Office and Tenindewa Community Hall on March 27th. This monument is about a kilometre from its original location was recovered when the original bridge was replaced over 3 days in early 2012. Guests included Mayor of City of Greater Geraldton Ian Carpenter, CEO of the City of Greater Geraldton Tony Burn, City of Greater Geraldton councillors and Leedham Papertalk an elder of Yamatiji people traditional owners of the area. A large crowd of members of the local community watched as the monument was handed over to the Mayor of City of Greater Geraldton Ian Carpenter. Brookfield Rail presented this monument to the MidWest community as thanks for their support and patience during the \$500 million MidWest Rail Upgrade of the line from Geraldton to Morawa that will see the capacity of this section of line lifted from 3 up to possible 75 million tons per annum.



Tenindewa monument with P2510 & P2505 passing on handover day March 27th .

Photo Melling



Some of the guests at the handover from left Ian Carpenter Mayor City of Greater Geraldton, Tony Critch, Leedham Papertalk, with Brookfield Rail; Bruce Eldridge and Melanie Henley.

Photo Phil Melling



Earthworks to improve gradient in the Gutha area on Morawa line March 24th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



Regauged Karara line at Yalgoo Road crossing looking east March 24th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



Q4018, L3113 & LZ3114 on 4443 now tri weekly Esperance fuel West Kalgoorlie 4/4. Photo Peter Donaghy



VL357 & VL361 run 6WG2 Watco grain train at Grass Valley April 6th.

Photo Alex Mackay



ACN4168 on its delivery run to QRN Forrestfield at Kellerberrin April 3rd.

Photo Terry Verney



ACA6012 & ACA6010 on 1031 empty iron ore crosses NR18, XRB562 & NR42 on 5MP5 Pacific National intermodal train at Hazelmere on April 1st.

Photo Simon Barber



NR18, XRB562 & NR42 at Hazelmere on 5MP5 Pacific National intermodal April 1st. Photo Simon Barber



DBZ2312 & DBZ2308 stabled on empty grain at Albany April 1st.

Photo DeeJay Page



NR57 & dead attached 8039 on 7PX4 empty steel train at Bellevue March 31st.

Photo Simon Barber



LZ3106 on its first run in QRN livery on 6056 grain at Cunderdin April 6th.

Photo Alex Mackay



LDP002, CLP13 & dead LZ3104 on 6PM1 QRN intermodal at Katrine April 6th.

Photo Alex Mackay



The sign of a booming economy 17 car carriers [9 triple and 8 double deckers] out of 64 platforms on 7MP5 intermodal at Parkeston April 3rd.

Photo Peter Donaghy



R1902 on 7S22 empty rail train ex Mullewa line upgrading Millendon Junction 31/03. Photo Simon Barber



AC4305 on Tammin on 1058 grain train April 1st.

Photo Kieran Wright



VL357 & VL361 on 4WG3 Watco grain train loading at Kellerberrin April 4th.

Photo Kieran Wright



DAZ1901 & ACN4149 on empty ballast train at Moonyoonooka March 31st.

Photo Phil Melling



LZ3109 hauls dead ACA6011 on 4154 light engines at Woodbridge March 28th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



ALZ3208 & DC2213 together in West Kalgoorlie yard March 22nd.

Photo Peter Donaghy



VL361 & VL357 on Watco grain train stabled at Kwinana April 3rd.

Photo John Bollans



NR35 on 1AP8 Indian Pacific on suburban line run parallel with two car Prospector railcars on east leg of freight only Woodbridge triangle owing to track works on Midland line March 11th.

Photo Jim Bisdee

Following its successful trial of 50 wagon grain train to Merredin Watco WA commenced triweekly grain trains Kellerberrin to Kwinana on April 2nd. While in the USA CBHs first locomotive has been completed and was hauled on standard gauge bogies as WAMX2700 from Boise Idaho to Savannah Georgia for loading and shipping to WA. CBH001 was loaded onto MV Altamira Express on April 5th with it due to berth at Fremantle May 26th.



CHB001 named Yilliminning outside MotivePower plant in Boise Idaho March 11th. Photo CBH Group

8039 Pacific National Kewdale yard shunter departed dead attached on 7PX4 behind NR57 on March 31st with 8039 hauled from Port Augusta to Newcastle on NR84, NR57, AN1 & 8039 arriving on April 3rd. It is believed 8039 was sent to NSW for extensive repair and maybe its way to Werris Creek.

Twelve General Electric ES44DCi locomotives for Rio Tinto #8176 thru #8187 were loaded at Lambert Point Norfolk Va onto heavy lift ship MV BBC Nile that sailed for Dampier on April 2nd.

Plans for upgrading crime ridden and unsafe at night Burswood Station on Armadale line are on hold owing to planning issues regarding western side as a master plan is being drawn up for this high density residential, casino and planned entertainment sporting complex area.