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SD70ACe/c 4340 & 4346 with 113 ore car rake DPU remotes 4329 & 4354 further 113 ore cars on empty ore train bypassing SD40R 3088 on works train at Walla April 17th.

Photo Don Copley

DBZ2312, dead attached DD2356 and DD2358 hauling 22 XO woodchip ran Albany to Wagin on April 8th to stable. DD2358 on 9th ran light engine to Katanning attached four XT grain wagons hauling them to Cranbrook detaching the XTs then running light engine to Albany. April 11th thru 13th P2509 and DD2356 ran Cranbrook grain train with DBZ2308 & P2509 working service from 14th. The empty woodchip wagons hauled by DBZ2312 with DD2356 ran from Wagin to Avon yard April 10th where the woodchip wagons were hauled to Forrestfield and return on 13th then back to Wagin on 14th by DBZ2312 & DD2356 to stable. P2514 ran light engine to Wagin from Avon yard on 19th hauled DBZ, DD and woodchip wagons to Albany crossing DBZ2308 & P2509 on 5672 grain loading at Cranbrook.

Five former Union Pacific SD40-2s imported by BHPBIO 3081 thru 3085 that ran in grey undercoat and remain in that livery are stored out of service at Nelson Point workshop. These locomotives are now spare parts source for the 15 SD40R locomotives 3078-3080 still in blue and yellow IC&E livery and 3086- 3097 in BHPBIO bubble livery that now are in use on construction train service only.



DAZ1905 & AD1520 shunt 2342 grain train at Ballidu March 26th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



S3311 on alumina hoppers to Bunbury at Waterloo April 14th.

Photo Brian Cherry



DD2355 on empty caustic tankers at Waterloo April 14th.

Photo Brian Cherry



P2514, DBZ2312 & DD2356 on 5307 woodchip wagons at Tambellup April 19th.

Photo Stew Winston



DBZ2308 & P2509 on 5372 grain loading at Cranbrook April 19th.

Photo Stew Winston



LQ3122, LZ3104 & LZ3101 on 3958 grain at Goulburn North on April 16th.

Photo Leon Oberg



2512 & P2511 on empty grain crosses P2506 & P2505 on grain South Guildford 16/04. Photo Justin Brown



5422, 5409 with DPU 4354 & 4338 on an empty ore train at Walla April 19th.

Photo Don Copley



5651 on works train side dump cars and ballast wagons with 5657 on rear at Walla 19/04. Photo Don Copley



DFZ2402 & P2513 on empty ore train on way to Narngulu Yards from port April 15th. Photo Phil Melling



DAZ1901 & ACN4149 on loaded ballast train at Bringoo April 15th.

Photo Phil Melling



P2507 & DAZ1906 on 7313 empty grain south of Calingiri April 14th.

Photo Murray Rowe



S3305 on caustic tankers climbing grade at Olive Hill on Collie line April 15th.

Photo Brian Cherry



Loram rail grinder in the cutting at Grass Valley on April 11th.

Photo Simon Barber



Rio Tinto ES44DCi locomotive being hoisted onboard BBC Nile Lamberts Point April 2nd. Photo Ian White



AB1502, AD1521 & DAZ1905 pass VL361 stalled on CBH wagons at Kwinana 25/03. Photo Murray Rowe



NR5 numbered as 05 remote unit on 6PM7 at Parkeston April 21st.

Photo Peter Donaghy



NR61 Pacific National Kewdale yard shunter under Tonkin Highway Bridge April 18th. Photo Brian Lynn

Around 0800 on April 14th a contractor cut a feed cable where work on City Link Project is taking place west of Perth City Station. This cut power to the Clarkson line back to Whitfords where services could only operate Clarkson to Whitfords causing severe disruption to the suburban system for the third time in just over a month. This at least was a Saturday with far fewer people affected but it still caused huge disruption to services having trains only running on northern section of the line. Both Transperth and Adams Bus lines were called in to supply buses run to a rail replacement service Perth to Whitfords. Power was restored about 1050 with services returning to normal by 1230.



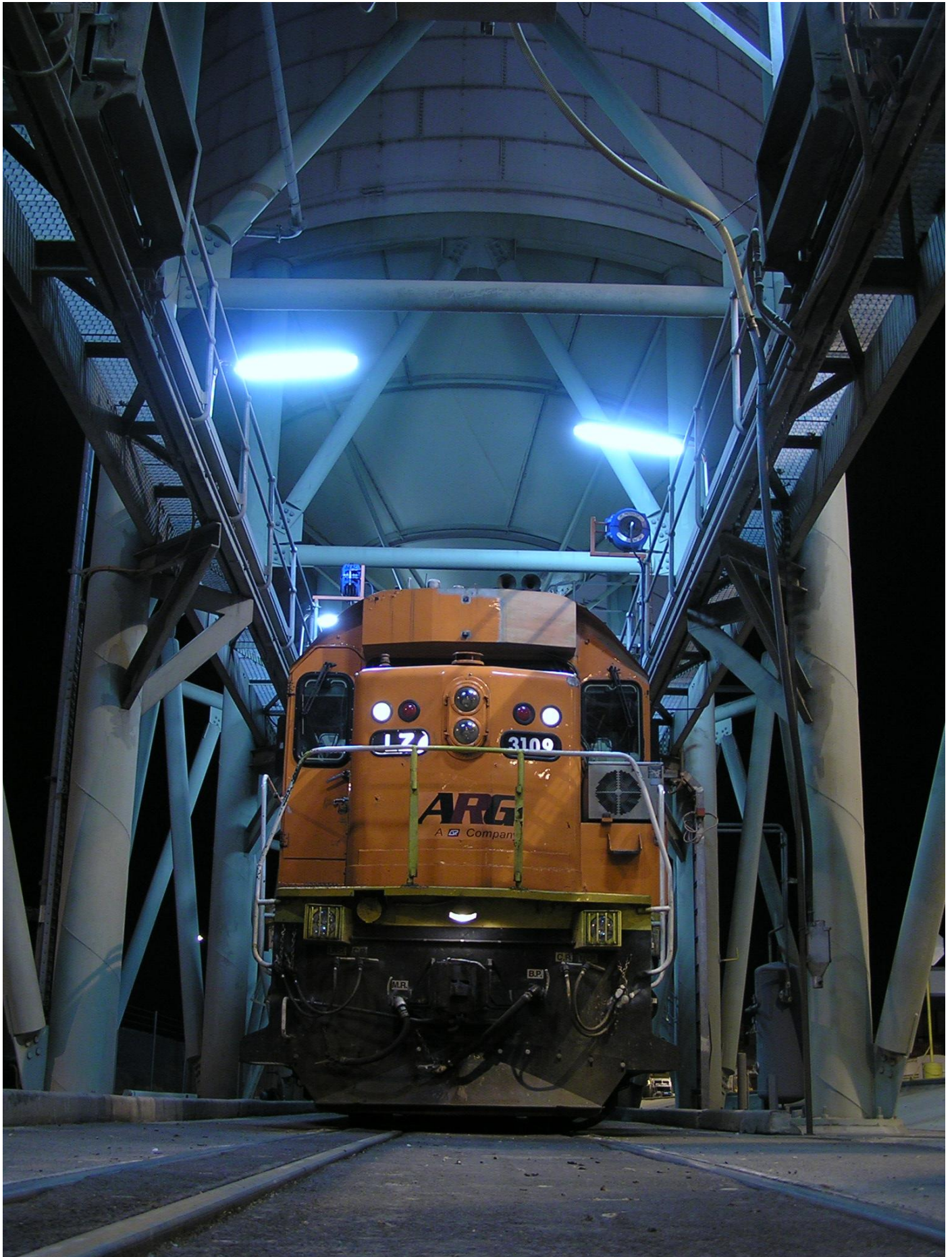
L3116 on 4SG4 tankers ex BP terminal Kewdale to Forrestfield April 11th.

Photo Mark Bennett

The CBH haulage contract with QRN comes to an end on April 30th and over last few weeks narrow gauge grain trains out of Avon had reverted to two multi coupled P class on services. A DAZ locomotive was operating on Miling line services with a P class unit and it appeared the other AB, AD and DAZ units were stabled at Avon Yard loco and not seeing use. Then on April 19th 2512, AD1520 & DAZ1906 ran 5342 grain to Kwinana with corresponding 5343 empty working back to Avon. While on 20th P2506 & AD1521 ran on 6302 grain returning as 6303 empty that crossed 2512, DAZ1906 & AD1520 on 5342 grain to CBH export terminal at Canning Vale. With P2506, AB1504 & AD1521 running 7302 grain on 21st.

NR61 that had been Pacific National Yard shunter since 8039 departed for NSW on March 31st returned to mainline duty on April 22nd hauling out 1PS6 intermodal with NR38 while NR113 is now yard shunter.

Standard gauge ballast plough used on Karara line construction departed Bellevue by truck on April 13th.



LZ3109 sits under one the massive bins at Metro Grain Forrestfield with 4143 container service from North Quay on April 11th. Photo Kieran Wright