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SCT015 runs 6WG2 grain from Merredin through Brigadoon May 4th.

Photo Sean McGarraghy

Watco were never in a position to take on the CBH grain haulage task from May 1st when their haulage contact commenced. All the CBHS standard gauge wagons were here as were three locomotives to run the trains but only the first shipment of narrow gauge wagons had arrived with first narrow gauge locomotive due to arrive shortly. QRN has recommenced hauling grain for CBH on a limited basis in Albany and Kwinana zones with one grain fleet operating Albany to Lake Grace and two other fleets running Kwinana to Moora or Brookton. Grain haulage by QRN for CBH will only be short term for about next 6 months.

VL357 and VL361 underwent scheduled maintenance at Gemco Bellevue being completed on May 8th with them then running light engine to Forrestfield to collect nine ballast wagons. These wagons were hauled to Jumperkine where 2x2pack CBHS wagons were recovered from the cripple road that had been detached about a week earlier. They were hauled at low speed to Avon Yard where further CBHS wagons were attached ran to Grass Valley detached the two damaged 2packs and ran to onto West Merredin detaching and stabling the ballast wagons for use on upcoming ballasting programme then loading the grain wagons.



P2513, AB1503 & AB1501 on May 1st run empty grain wagon movement ex Narngulu. Photo Phil Melling



ACA6002 & ACA6011 on 1030 empty ore at Grass Valley May 6th.

Photo Simon Barber



SCT015 on 1WG3 loading at Cunderdin May 6th.

Photo Simon Barber



SD9043MAC 906 & 908 on empty ore train passing thru Indee Station May 5th.

Photo Don Copley



5668 on loaded rail train at Walla North passing SD40R stabled on ballast on April 21st. Photo Don Copley



VL357 & VL361 on 4WG2 at Midland after crossing P/N intermodal train May 9th. Photo Evan Jasper



LDP005 & LDP004 on late running 6MP1 QRN intermodal at Northam April 23rd.

Photo Evan Jasper



SD90MAC 901 & SD9043 907 on FMG fuel train passing thru Indee station May 2nd.

Photo Don Copley



4361 & 5662 with 113 cars back DPU 4325 & 5646 on loaded ore at Walla North 02/05. Photo Don Copley



Track work underway at Port of Geraldton to increase from 2 to 3 tracks May 9th.

Photo Phil Melling



ACN4147 & ACN4148 on ballast at Wicherina on Mullewa line April 29th.

Photo Phil Melling



AC4301, dead attached AC4306, LZ3114 & LZ3105 on 4443 Esperance freight 09/05. Photo Peter Donaghy



ACN4150 on 6825 empty Worsley Alumina hopper train at Beela on April 27th.

Photo Simon Barber



LZ3106 on 2474 salt train running through Northam April 23rd.

Photo Evan Jasper



P2515, DAZ1903 & P2502 on empty ore passing new Narngulu East Yard April 29th. Photo Phil Melling



AC4301 & Q4005 on 5426 Kwinana shunter about to shunt AGR plant on April 27th. Photo Simon Barber



DD2355 on 6903 empty caustic tankers at Yarloop April 27th.

Photo Simon Barber



DFZ2405 & P2513 on ore train Narngulu yards April 15th.

Photo Phil Melling

CBHN narrow gauge grain hoppers were being put on their bogies and onto rail at CBH Kwinana grain terminal on May 9th. These wagons were being railed to make room as the next load of narrow gauge grain hoppers arrived on MV Pine 4 at #4 Bulk Cargo Jetty on May 11th. These wagons were unloaded and trucked to CBH Kwinana complex for commissioning as with previous wagon deliveries.



PA2819 on 6122 empty ballast wagon transfer to Kwinana at Thornlie May 4th.

Photo Jim Bisdee

Rio Tinto commissioned Bellbird Extension track on May 4th a day ahead of schedule that allows two ore trains to be stabled in the passing track while the mainline remains open. This is a major part of the new Hope Downs 4 line rail works.

7072 was in use on ATP testing on Rosella siding expansion with 8109 running ballast train ballasting the new siding roads May 4th.

The 56 wagon XT grain fleet at Albany was hauled out by DBZ2308 & P2514 on May 5th as 7306 empty grain fleet changeover to Brookton where the two locomotives attached a mainly XU grain fleet that had been earlier hauled down from Avon Yard by P2506 that hauled the ex Albany fleet back to Avon. P2514 & DBZ2308 then hauled the XU fleet to Albany as 7307 empty wagon movement. P2507 & DBZ2308 ran 3363 grain train to Cranbrook to load on May 8th next day to Wagin then Lake Grace day after has had locomotives P2507, P2509, P2514 or DB2308 in various combinations operating it. P2509 or P2514 with DD2356 are currently working the woodchip train.