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ACN4171 with ACN4170 behind on transport floats descending Greenmount on May 26th nearly at the end of their journey being hauled across Australia from Redbank Qld to Forrestfield WA.      Photo Jim Bisdee

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Final two ACN4100 class locomotives of the 14 locomotive allocation to QRN West Australian operations arrived by road at Forrestfield from Redbank Qld on afternoon of May 26th. These two locomotives were unloaded on 28th after being parked beside overhaul shed over the weekend. The two locomotives ACN4170 and ACN4171 will now undergo commissioning and acceptance testing at Forrestfield

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ACN4169 underwent its works trial to Kwinana on May 29th with ACN4168 undergoing its works trial to Kwinana on 30th.

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Second CBH locomotive CBH002 in its protective covering with its US reporting marks of WAMX2701 arrived at Fremantle on May 27th. It was railed on morning of the 29th then hauled by ZB2125 to Gemco Forrestfield for final completion and commissioning.





4378 being lifted off the transport float at Nelson Point hardstand area on May 27th. Photo John Matthews



4378 being lowered onto the track at Nelson Point yard May 27th.

Photo John Matthews



QRN intermodal services have suffered breakdowns and delays recently with 6007 & LDP008 on 5MP1 having LDP008 fail at Spencer Junction being detached on May 25th. 6007 ran 5MP1 westwards solo and was to attach LZ3111 that had been attached to 6PM1 at West Kalgoorlie early morning on May 26th. LDP002 & CLF13 were on 6PM1 that saw CLF13 fail and the proposed LZ3111 being attached to 5MP1 cancelled with LZ3111 working through to Adelaide. Meanwhile 6007 ran 5MP1 solo to Forrestfield and worked the return run 2PM1 out on May 28th solo to Adelaide. LDP005 & LDP001 on 6MP1 failed at Kellerberrin on morning of May 28th, with ACA6009 being run as 2111 relief locomotive to rescue the service that saw ACA6009 long end hauling LDP005 & LDP001 on 6MP1 to Forrestfield arriving early evening. Meanwhile owing to locomotive shortages 2MP1 ran as LDP006 & X53 to Forrestfield arriving on May 31st departing on June 1st as LDP006 & X53 on 6PM1 that saw the first working of an ex Victorian Railway X class to WA. To enable LDP005 and LDP001 be repaired LZ3119 & LZ3120 ran 3PM1 intermodal out on May 29th. Meanwhile 6008 & LDP009 hauling dead LZ3111 on 3MP1 departed Adelaide on 30th somewhere west of Tarcoola 6008 & LDP009 on 3MP1 swapped loads with LZ3119 & LZ3120 on 3PM1 that saw 6008 & LDP009 return to Adelaide while LZ3120, LZ3119 and LZ3111 all in power ran 3PM1 back to Forrestfield in what could be the last triple LZ working arriving before dawn on June 1st. 7PM1 the return working of 3MP1 was worked by LDP001 and LDP005 interstate on June 2nd.



SD70ACe on transport float being hauled from Port Hedland Town wharf to hardstand at Nelson Point to be placed on rails to allow commissioning May 26th. Photo Baden Tidd

The unwired crossover at North Fremantle used to access old Leighton shunting yard that has seen little use in recent years has been wired to enable EMUs to crossover. This gives a fourth crossover on the Fremantle line and the first on the western end of the line that has increased Transperth flexibility to be able to deal with problems and reverse services if required.

United Group announced on May 31st having received further order for 12 locomotives from QRN that will see more C44ACi 3246kw locomotives constructed similar to ACB units in use in WA. Its believed six of these locomotives will be used on QRN intermodal traffic with six for use in WA.

Its believed Rio Tinto have ordered 13 ES44ACi 3280kw locomotives from General Electric that was also announced as part of a 38 locomotive order on May 31st by United Group.





L3113 on 7BT1 ballast train at Bellevue on May 26th.

Photo Simon Barber



ACN4171 & ACN4170 at Bellevue negotiating road upgrading May 26th.

Photo Simon Barber





WAMX2701 being lifted off the mafi float at North Port Fremantle on May 29th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



DC2213 & Q4019 on 6029 sulphur train to Malcolm at Kalgoorlie May 26th.

Photo Peter Donaghy



6007 on 2PM1 QRN intermodal at Hazelmere May 28th.

Photo Simon Barber



ACA6009, LDP005 & LDP001 on 6MP1 QRN intermodal at Hazelmere May 28th.

Photo Simon Barber





2208 & NJ1602 at Forrestfield have similar cabs but are different gauges May 31st. Photo John Purcell



Latest ES44DCi's #8178, 8180 & 8179 at 7 Mile Dampier May 30th. Photo Cris Fitzhardinge





Hamersley Iron CW44-9W #7066 and 7068 in 7 Mile Yard May 30th.

Cris Fitzhardinge



Q4013, Q4014 on 6418 empty DPU ore train with Q4018 and Q4016 at Binduli 26/05. Photo Peter Donaghy





ACB4402, Q4007 on 7415 loaded DPU ore train at Binduli with Q4011 & AC4305 remote units at 53 cars and 106 cars from the head end of the train May 26th. Photo Peter Donaghy



AC4148 on rake of empty AOKF ore cars at Grants being run to Karara mine site 21/5. Photo Phil Melling





ACN4149 hauling rake of AOKF ore cars at new QR Narngulu East Yard with ACN4148 also on a rake of AOKF ore cars in distance May 20th. Photo Phil Melling



DFZ2405, DFZ2402 & P2503 back loaded ore train form the port into Narngulu yard for stabling during the shutdown at Geraldton Port May 19th. Photo Phil Melling





2512 & P2504 on 1303 empty grain at Donkey Crossing Katrine May 13th

Photo Brendan Cherry



DD2358 on woodchip train at Albany May 17th.

Photo DeeJay Page





DBZ2309 on 7253 empty coal train at North Pinjarra May 12th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



SD70ACe #4341 named Oroville in Nelson Point Yard May 26th.

Photo Baden Tidd

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CBH light narrow gauge locomotives numbered CBH001 to CBH011 are MotivePower model MP27CN, builders numbers 2363-01 thru 2363-11, 2013kw [2700hp], weight 105.33tonnes, axle load 17.55tonnes.





ACA6005 & ACA6012 on 1035 empty ore passing Northam Station May 27th.

Photo Alex Mackay



6007 on late 5MP1 climbing through Katrine May 27th having hauled this service over 2300kms after LDP008 failed at Spencer Junction on 25th.

Photo Alex Mackay

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Transperth locomotive MA1862 overhaul continues at Gemco Forrestfield while overhaul of SCT K208 continues at Gemco Bellevue.





4378 in the air about to be lowered onto the track at Nelson Point May 27th.

Photo John Matthews