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ZB2125 on 6K03 Watco test train to Wellard departing CBH Kwinana June 8th.

Photo Simon Barber

6SP5 Pacific National intermodal derailed in Malbooma Lyons section of ARTC interstate line in SA on afternoon of June 9th both bogies on one wagon and one bogie on next wagon derailed after had been dragged for some distance. Both wagons remained upright and track damage was only minor a road crane was despatched to re-rail the wagons but would not arrive for about 24 hours. This closed the line till June 11th with a number of services, stabled 6SP7 and 6PM7 at Cook, 7PM5 at Curtin, 1PS6 at Chifley, 7PM1 at West Kalgoorlie, 7PX4 at Golden Ridge. 1AP8 Indian Pacific interstate passenger train departed on time and continued east out of Kalgoorlie pretty well on time as the line reopened on afternoon of 11th that saw the stabled services commence to run east to be positioned in SA as the line opened. 1PM7 and 1PM5 were cancelled on 10th but 1PM9 ran stabling at Hughes to await the lines opening on 11th. Westbound services held up behind 6SP5 commenced running out of Tarcoola on 11th with 7SP7, followed by 6MP4 and 6SP6 then services held further east 6MP9 and 6MP1 commenced moving out of Port Augusta. 6SP5 arrived at Kewdale early morning of 12th followed by 7MP7, 6MP4 and 6PS6 during the afternoon and more arrived overnight and into the next day.



CBH001 on 2KO5 at Wellard on Watco test train of CBHN grain hoppers June 11th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



CBH001 long end leading on 2KO6 test train departing Wellard loop June 11th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



S3110 on 2961 empty bauxite crosses CBH001 in loop Wellard June 11th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



Trucks on flatcars on 4MP5 Pacific National intermodal at Parkeston June 8th.

Photo Peter Donaghy



P2509 & 2512 on 6663 grain train passing Katanning platform June 8th.

Photo Daryle Phillips



4379 & 4377 undergoing commissioning in BHPBIO Nelson Point Yard June 7th.

Photo Baden Tidd



SD70ACe 4374 in BHPBIO Nelson Point Yard June 7th.

Photo Baden Tidd



LDP001 & 6004 stabled West Kalgoorlie yard owing to derailment on TAR June 10th. Photo Peter Donaghy



ZB2120 as 2G21 light engine running through Coorow June 11th.

Photo John Stephens



CBH001 & CBH002 on 6KO3 departing CBH Kwinana for Wagin June 15th.

Photo Murray Rowe



CBH001 & CBH002 on 6KO3 to Wagin at Hope Valley June 15th.

Photo Murray Rowe



SD70ACe #4378 close up of its cab in Nelson Point Yard June 7th.

Photo Baden Tidd



CBH001 & CBH002 on 6KO3 Watco empty wagon transfer at Toodyay June 15th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



LQ3121 & AC4308 with 26 empty fuel tankers on 4443 freight to Esperance with Q4010 & Q4019 on 4426 freight with acid tankers to be shunted on to train at West Kalgoorlie June 8th.

Photo Peter Donaghy

CBH001 operated a 6KO5 a 60 wagon test train from CBH Kwinana terminal to first crossing loop on Kwinana Pinjarra line at Wellard and return June 11th. CBH002 underwent commissioning at Gemco Forrestfield following its delivery from USA being released on June 14th then hauled to CBH Kwinana by ZB2125. Now with two locomotives in service Watco ran its first service 6KO3 from CBH Kwinana to Wagin on June 15th to position a 50 wagon grain train enabling Watco to begin grain haulage in the CBH Albany district. At this stage both Watco and QRN are hauling grain on GSR and Lake Grace branch to CBH Albany export terminal.



S3307 on 7121 empty ballast wagons about to enter old Midland Yard June 9th. Photo Brendan Cherry

Severe winter storms occurred over Perth and South West on June 10th and a less severe storm on 11th that caused numerous problems on suburban system of trains sliding past stations being unable to stop. Many services ran late delayed by electrical faults and outages together with drivers being cautious owing to wet and slippery conditions. The Australind service from Bunbury was cancelled on 10th owing to debris over the tracks in numerous locations.

Former Robe River CM40-8M locomotives 9417, 9420, 9424 and 9425 are stored in a transport yard in the LIA in Karratha after being moved from 7 Mile Yard Dampier. CM36-7M locomotives 5051 and 5052 are stored at 7 Mile awaiting scrapping.

Owing to 6SP5 derailling in Malbooma Lyons section AK car inspection train had to turn round and return to Port Augusta on June 9th then resume the run to Kalgoorlie on 12th. AK cars arrived in Kalgoorlie on 14th ran to Avon Yard on 15th to Forrestfield on 16th where 2212 was detached and DC2215 attached for the run to Fremantle, Kwinana, East Perth back to Avon Yard to stable then ran back to Kalgoorlie on 17th.



CBH001 & CBH002 on 6KO3 crossing Avon River Bridge at Northam June 15th.

Photo Jim Bisdee