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8165, 8111 & 8136 on loaded ore train east of Gurdy Siding July 11th.

Photo Don Copley

Brookfield Rail has commenced the largest CTC installation in WA since Westrail replaced the electric staff safe working system with CTC south of Coolup on South West Main line in early 1980s. Commissioning of the new Centralised Traffic Control [CTC] signalling system that's part of Midwest Rail Upgrade Project on Geraldton to Mullewa line commenced at Port of Geraldton on July 15th. This initial upgrade from the Port of Geraldton to Grants at 24 km that includes Narngulu Yard was completed on July 21st. This now sees the existing Train Order System and Self Restoring Points replaced with a three aspect CTC signalling system and powered points controlled by Mid West Train Control at Midland Control Centre. Installing and commissioning of CTC signalling system will continue east to Mullewa over the ensuing weeks until it's fully operational.

A contract has been issued to WA construction company Cooper & Oxley to build the Butler Station at the end 7.5km extension of Northern Suburbs line with construction anticipated to commence before the end of the month. The Butler park and ride terminus station will have a 930 bay car park and 11 new busses to serve routes to this and Currambine stations is scheduled for completion in 2014.



NR5 & NR20 on 4WP2 steel train at Midland 8/7.

Photo Brendan Cherry



VL358 stabled in dead end at West Kalgoorlie on July 14th.

Photo Peter Donaghy



7083 in 8 Mile workshop showing ECP being braking fitted July 18th.

Photo Garry Lamb



9405 undergoing EPC upgrade at 8 Mile EPC fit out workshop July 18th.

Photo Garry Lamb



8130, 8175 & 8141 on empty ore train near Gurdy Pool siding July 5th.

Photo Don Copley



NR72 & NR73 on 1PM7 Express at Stratton July 8th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



8176, 8128 & 8101 on empty ore passing loaded on dual track north of Galah Siding 4/7. Photo Don Copley



VL358 stabled in dead end at West Kalgoorlie on July 14th waiting return of 7PM1. Photo Peter Donaghy



DC2213 & DC2205 on 7142 container train at Wattle Grove July 14th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



P2509 & P2507 on 1759 empty grain to Moora at Upper Swan July 8th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



S3304 & S3301 on 7853 caustic tankers departing Bunbury Inner Harbour July 7th. Photo Brendan Cherry



ACN4150 on alumina train at Burekup July 7th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



NR84 & NR116 on 6MP4 intermodal climbing out of West Kalgoorlie June 24th.

Photo Alex Mackay



L3110 on 6196 empty container flats at Fremantle July 13th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



LZ3106 on 6142 container train at Roundhouse Fremantle with water being sprayed on the track as a noise reduction agent to reduce flange squeal on the sharp curve May 18th. Photo Graham Edwards



SCT009 & SCT007 on 6MP9 SCT freighter at fuelling point Parkeston June 23rd. Photo Alex Mackay



NR22 & NR81 on 4PS6 intermodal at Woodbridge July 4th.

Photo Mark Bennett



SCT often haul trucks on flatcars with this load on 5MP9 at West Kalgoorlie 21/07.

Photo Peter Donaghy



DFZ2403, P2501 & P2516 on 6724 ore train on recently completed new alignment between Monger and Sullivan on Mullewa Perenjori line with the old track in background 20/7. Photo John Stephens



ACB4403 & ACB4402 on 7414 empty ore at Binduli July 21st. Photo Peter Donaghy



DFZ2404 & S3310 on 4110 light engines at Bassendean under the wires at Guildford 18/7. Photo Jim Bisdee



An S class under the wires with S3310 on 4111 light engine at Guildford July 18th.

Photo Jim Bisdee

DFZ2401 after having DPU capacity fitted by UGR Bassendean then following system testing ran light engine to Narngulu on July 14th. DFZ2407 also had DPU capacity fitted then undertook system testing at Forrestfield using ACN locomotives as did DFZ2401. DFZ2407 ran light engine trial to Kwinana July 21st then was hauled dead to Narngulu on 7755 light engine movement.



LDP003 on late running 3MP1 QRN intermodal with Cook tankers at Midland July 20th Photo Jim Bisdee

CBH006 ran 6K05 light engine Gemco Forrestfield to CBH Kwinana terminal following commissioning on July 20th. CBH005 is reported to have teething problems and CBH004 is working single consist grain train to Port of Geraldton at present.

ACN4168 and ACN4169 following commissioning were hauled dead attached July 21st on 7755 light engine movement behind DAZ1904 & DFZ2407 to Narngulu to entered service.

EPC brake system is being fitted to several Dash 9 44 CW locomotives in the ECP fit out workshops within the new Rio 8 Mile Yard at Karratha at present in preparation to introduce EPC braking onto Rio rail system in the coming months. Further wagons and locomotives will have this braking system fitted in an ongoing programme over the next few months.

I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank all those people who sent congratulations and kind remarks on the achievement of reaching 200 issues of this e-.Mag. The next milestone will be 250 issues this will come up mid next year all being well I hope I will be able to achieve this milestone. Jim Bisdee Publisher