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ACN4148 on 1703 mineral sands train at Booniefield north of Dongara July 29th.

Photo Phil Melling

P2515 hauled ACN4144 on 7755 light engine movement Forrestfield to Narngulu overnight July 28/29th. ACN4144 had been running block alumina and caustic services out of Picton before being withdrawn to be sent to north Narngulu to run iron ore trains as was originally intended with these units.

DR8405 former Hamersley Iron C636R Alco 3011 was rebuilt at GTSA Maddington in mid 2008 with view to be hired out in the Pilbara but has never seen any use. This unit had been stored in GTSA yard [now Engemco Maddington] for past four years was hauled on transport float to Bellevue to be stored on the ground outside Gemco compound on July 31st as a bo-bo with no wheels on centre co-co bogies.

BHPBIO SD70ACe locomotives 4374 to 4379 arrived on May 25th entering service in mid June, while 4380 to 4386 arrived around late June entering service in mid July. 4387 to 4391 are the third shipment to arrive and are yet to enter service.



DR8405 stored at Bellevue August 1st note no centre axle.

Photo Matt Hayes



DR8405 B end at stored at Bellevue August 1st.

Photo Matt Hayes



Fourth track completed to the two car rotary dumper at Geraldton Port July 28th.

Photo Phil Melling



ZB2120 propels WAMX2707 & WAMX2706 to Gemco Forrestfield July 24th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



P2509 & DBZ2308 on 1303 empty grain with an Irishman in the driver's seat passes through Hope Valley on the dual gauge bi-directional single line Cockburn Kwinana section July 29th. Photo Murray Rowe



DAZ1901 on empty ballast train off the Mullewa line at Narngulu July 28th. Photo Phil Melling



P2501 & DAZ1903 cab to cab on empty ore east of Moonyoonooka July 28th.

Photo Phil Melling



ACN4148 on 5702 empty mineral sands to Eneabba at Bootenal July 26th.

Photo Phil Melling



P2510, P2505 & DFZ2405 on 7720 empty ore train just west of Bringo July 28th.

Photo Phil Melling



AC4301 & ACB4401 on 4426 in West Kalgoorlie yard July 23rd.

Photo Peter Donaghy



LZ3119 & LZ3116 on 2443 Esperance fuel train at West Kalgoorlie July 23rd.

Photo Peter Donaghy



CBH003 on 5G65 crossing over onto Midland Railway at Millendon August 2nd.

Photo Jim Bisdee



8033 on 1P53 transfer ex Sadleir Logistics crossing Kewdale Road July 29th.

Photo Michael Forster



P2514 & AB1502 on 7312 grain at Cobblers Pool passing Avon Decent campsite 4/8.

Photo Matt Hayes



LZ3106 on 4194 Soundcem cement lime shunter departing Forrestfield July 17th.

Photo Mark Bennett



Twelve ex ICTSI Philippines container flattops imported by a previous South Spur management stored on the ground at Gemco Bellevue August 2nd.

Photo Jim Bisdee

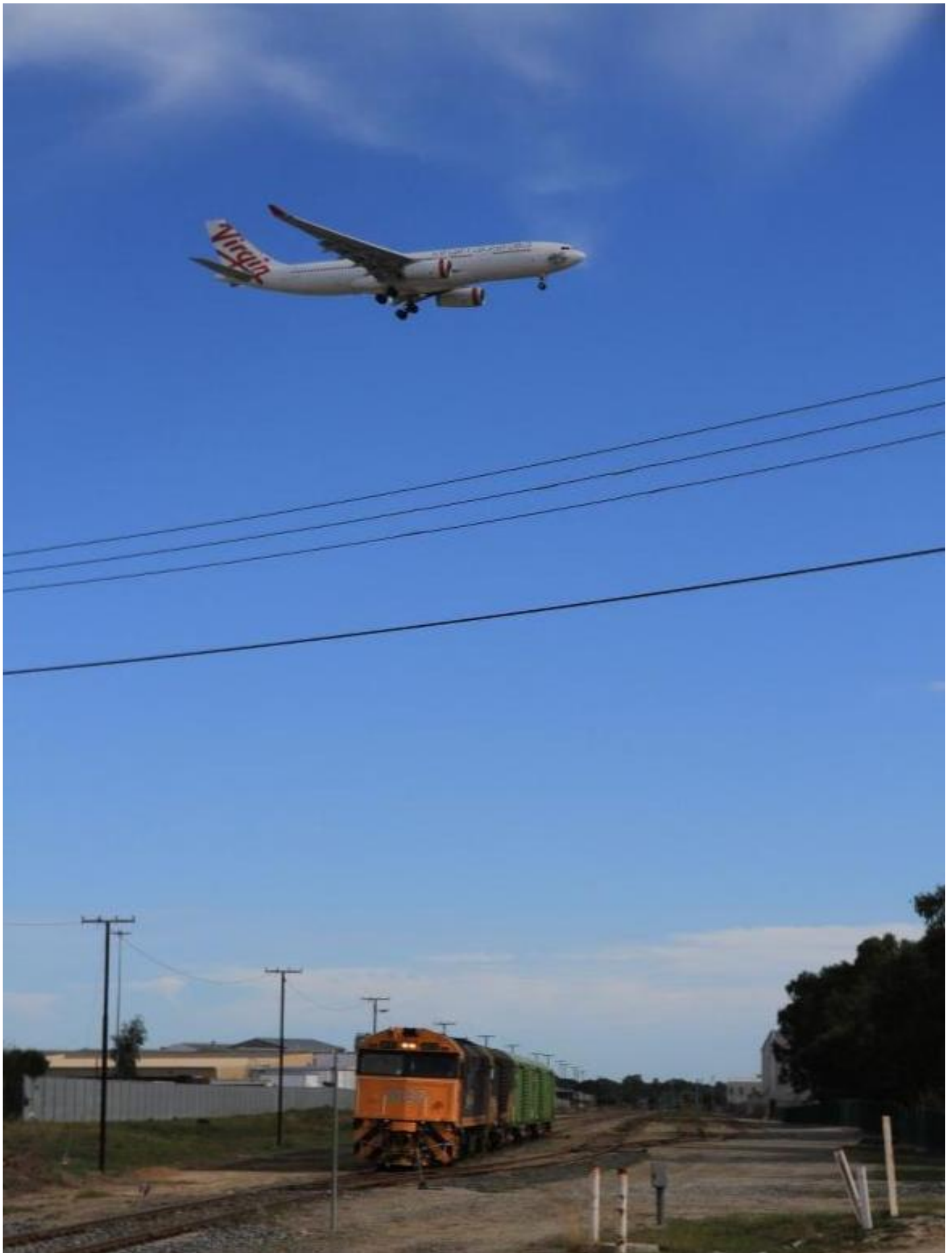
Genesee and Wyoming Inc announced on August 1st to NYE [New York Stock Exchange] the sale by its Australian subsidiary Genesee Wyoming Australia Pty Ltd, of certain assets and its fuel sales business in Cook SA to Asciano Pty Ltd [Pacific National] as part of G&W purchase of Alice Springs intermodal and freight terminal purchase from Asciano. The township of Cook was acquired by GWA's corporate predecessor Australian Southern Railroad Pty Ltd as part of its purchase of Australian National's freight assets in 1997. As a result of this sale the cartage of fuel and water to Cook will be taken over by Pacific National with it again coming from South Australia. In recent years fuel has come from BP terminal Kewdale and water obtained at Forrestfield being hauled out on QR National intermodal services to Cook.



LDP003 on 3MP1 with empty Cook fuel and waters tankers in usual position behind the crew car on one of the last times this loading was hauled by QRN at Midland on July 20th. Photo Jim Bisdee

New CBH locomotives continue to arrive with CBH007 and CBH008 arriving on July 21st, being railed and hauled as WAMX2706 and WAMX2707 to Gemco Forrestfield for commissioning. CBH009 arrived on July 30th being railed on 31st then hauled by ZB2120 to Gemco Forrestfield that then attached CBH008 and hauled it to CBH Kwinana to enter service.

Annual Avon Decent boat race that sees power boats and canoes race from Northam to Bayswater through the Avon Valley occurred on the traditional first weekend of August over 4th and 5th. For most of the race from Northam to Brigadoon the Avon River is adjacent to Brookfield Rail Avon Valley route that also sees the rail access road used for race support crews. As in the past speed restrictions were in place on rail line at Cobblers Pool camp site and flagmen in attendance at crossings on the access road.



8033 on 1P53 vans from Sadleir Logistics about to enter North Service West at Kewdale as a Virgin B737 passes overhead approaching Perth Airport July 29th. Photo Michael Forster END page 11 of 11