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LZ3106 on 4C74 empty cement/lime wagons from Parkeston at Kalgoorlie 22/08. Photo Peter Donaghy

Perth Station was closed from 10am Friday August 17th through till first service Monday August 20th to enable the Fremantle line to be slewed over to now connect with Armadale line instead of Midland line where it has been connected for over 125 years. Train services ran from Claisebrook to Midland and Armadale from West Leederville to Fremantle for most of the closure. To enable operations on the now isolated Fremantle line a number of EMU sets were stabled at Fremantle, Showgrounds, Daglish and West Leederville. A CAT style replacement bus service ran a loop from Claisebrook to West Leederville back through City centre to Claisebrook. Friday evening peak hour and an AFL match at Subiaco on Saturday afternoon saw a large number people having to use Transperth busses to West Leederville. A 15 minute service stopping all stations service was on Fremantle line with similar all stations services running on Midland and Armadale lines. Services were suspended on short Thornlie branch with rail replacement bus service running from Cannington. Sunday evening a rail replacement bus service operated on Midland, Armadale and Fremantle lines. Services resumed with first service on Monday 20th with few minor glitches except the Midland line that ran a rail replacement bus service till about 10am.



A series EMU sets 34 and 10 spare stabled at Fremantle Station with sets 2 and 43 having just arrived from West Leederville on August 18th note light tower for overnight security. Photo Paul Collin



Q4018 on 1406 with four empty nickel wagons ex Hampton at West Kalgoorlie 19/8. Photo Peter Donaghy



Overland Models HO scale ES44DCi in Rio Tinto livery with full size GE ES44DCi locomotives in the background at Rio Tinto 7 Mile yard Dampier August 22nd. Photo Garry Lamb



6006 & G534 on 2MP1 QRN intermodal arriving at Parkeston August 22nd. Photo Peter Donaghy



U201 Indonesian built GE U20C being lowered onto road float at Midland August 24th. Photo Jim Bisdee



NR62 & NR77 on 1PS6 on sunny winter's morning at South Guildford August 19th. Photo Murray Rowe



EMU B series 549 at Thornlie on first day in use on services to the City August 21st. Photo Brendan Cherry



CBH002 & CBH001 departing Albany passing larger and improved railway crossing sign that are now being rolled out across the railway network in an effort to improve crossing safety 16/8. Photo John Rumming



Dash9 CW44 7098 in Pilbara Rail livery outside 7 Mile workshop Dampier August 22nd. Photo Garry Lamb



DC2205 & DC2213 on 2142 container train Robb Jetty on August 6th.

Photo Sean McGarraghy



LZ3117 on 2198 container train at North Coogee August 6th.

Photo Sean McGarraghy



P2503 & DD2358 stabled outside Albany workshop August 18th.

Photo John Rumming



U201 on transport float being hauled out of old Midland yard August 24th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



Rio Tinto ES44DCi 8188 stabled at 7 Mile workshop Dampier August 22nd.

Photo Garry Lamb



CBH002 & CBH001 on empty grain departing Albany August 18th.

Photo John Rumming



Just west of Perth Station at dusk August 17th connection to platform 7 has been cut and the new lines to platform 5 and 6 are yet to be connected with line to platform 9 still in place.

Photo Paul Collin



LZ3117 on 2198 container train crossing Swan River at Fremantle August 6th. Photo Sean McGarraghy



B series EMU set #53 that is used on morning services at Thornlie August 24th. Photo Brendan Cherry

At its Metro Grain Centre in Forrestfield CBH Group officially launched its \$175 million investment in new fleet of 22 locomotives and 574 wagons [128 standard and 446 narrow gauge] in a ceremony before over 700 guests and VIPs on August 24th. CBH004 and CBH009 with a few CBHN wagons had earlier been bought up to MGC and positioned for the ceremony. Five winning entrants of the CBH name a Train Competition that was run in 2011 being three growers and two CBH employees were invited to the launch. They were presented with plaques commemorating their involvement in naming these locomotives after old grain sidings. Watco ran a separate competition amongst their employees in the USA with two of them winning a trip to WA to attend this ceremony.



CBH003 & CBH005 on Geraldton Breakwater unloads grain train at CBH terminal 4/8. Photo Phil Melling

2203 has never seen use since being hauled to WA in December 2008 and in recent years has been stored out of service at West Merredin was hauled to Forrestfield on August 16th behind L3118 on 5474 salt train.

Correction DAZ1904 didn't haul DFZ2404 to United Group Rail on August 17th but it hauled DFZ2404 from UGR Bassendean to QRN Forrestfield on August 20th following fitting DPU capacity.

Overhaul of PTA diesel hydraulic locomotive MA1862 at Gemco Forrestfield has been completed with it running 3UB2 light engine to Claisebrook on August 21st.

Greentrains C636R locomotive 8405 locomotive has been fenced at Bellevue that should deter vandals.

K210 & 8030 returned to West Kalgoorlie as 4QB3 light engines on August 22nd to run rail trains on EGR.

U201 purchased by a former SSRS management in mid 2007 has been sold to Qube Logistics and was hauled to UGR Bassendean for heavy service on August 24th.



CBH119 beside the rear of UP SD9043MAC 8252 in MotivePower Boise Idaho plant yard on August 25th.



GO Transist Toronto MP40C #647, MKEX MP50-3M 5000 and CBH120 an MP33C locomotive together in MotivePower yard Boise Idaho on August 25th.

Both photos Murray Trim



CBH003 being prepped to enter service at CBH yard Kwinana July 28th.

Photo Murray Rowe



L3118 & 2203 on 5474 salt train at Midland on August 16th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



CBH008 & CBH007 round the curve at Soundcem on 6K53 empty Moora grain 10/8. Photo Murray Rowe
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