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SCT014 on 5S56 Watco grain leaving Avon Valley at #1 cutting Brigadoon 18/10. Photo Brendan Cherry

QR National ended its short term grain haulage for CBH on October 31st with the running of 4302 grain train from CBH York silo complex to CBH Kwinana terminal. This train was worked by P2509 & P2506 from York to Avon Yard where these locomotives were detached and P2514 attached to run to Kwinana and return. This grain haulage task saw only three fleets in use one operating out of Albany and two out of Avon Yard. The final empty QRN grain departed Albany for Wagin on October 28th with P2504, P2507 & DBZ2308 hauling 52 XT and XU grain wagons. The other QRN set operating out of Avon Yard worked by P2509 & P2506 ran 2323 empty to McLevie on October 29th loading in early hours of 30th then running as 3322 grain to Kwinana. Watco alone will now undertake CBH grain haulage on both standard and narrow gauge with fleets operating into Albany, Geraldton and Kwinana export terminals.

Transport Minister Mr Buswell announced on November 4th that the State Government had ordered a further 5 three car B series EMU sets [15 cars] from EDI Bombardier in Maryborough Qld in addition to the cars presently on order that will be delivered from late 2013.



LZ3107 on 3410 acid tankers from Hampton nickel smelter at West Kalgoorlie 30/10. Photo Peter Donaghy



DD2356 on woodchip train at Albany on October 31st.

Photo Daryle Phillips



P2511 on loaded woodchip train at Albany October 31st.

Photo Daryle Phillips



SCT009 & SCT003 on 2MP9 pass L3113, L3118 & L3116 at West Kalgoorlie 31/10. Photo Peter Donaghy



L3113, L3118 & L3116 all in faded Westrail orange livery on 4433 empty fuel train to Esperance in West
Kalgoorlie Yard October 31st. Photo Peter Donaghy



LZ3114 in old ARG orange livery on 3171 Kwinana shunter at Thornlie on 30/10. Photo Brendan Cherry



LZ3106 on 3197 Soundcem shunter at Thornlie October 30th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



DR8405 C636R being scrapped at Bellevue October 28th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



AB1502 & P2514 on 1303 empty grain at Northam October 28th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



ACB4401 on 5C74 Parkeston shunter arriving West Klagoorlie October 25th.

Photo Peter Donaghy



Q8030 & K206 propells loaded rail train to end of Brookfield territory at Kalgoorlie to drop new heavy rail as part of re-railing of EGR from Koolyanobbing to Kalgoorlie October 28th. Photo Peter Donaghy



P2505 & P2517 in QRN Redbank Workshop Yard waiting rebuilding October 27th. Photo Lincoln Driver

Frame of C636R DR8405 was cut up at Gemco Bellevue on October 31st. Its believed C636Rs DR8401 thru DR8404 stored in old Asset Kennetics Yard at Wedgefield are also to be scrapped in the near future.



ACN4171 & ACN4151 on Karara ore train emerges from Willcock Street tunnel to enter Port of Geraldton and run to ore car dumper October 30th. Photo Stewart Whiteaker



AB1502, DAZ1902 & AB1503 on 6322 grain at Konnongorring October 19th. Photo Sean McGarraghy



LDP003 & 6022 on 2MP1 QRN intermodal at South Guildford October 25th.

Photo Simon Barber



TA1804 with Z brakevan, ACL coach, FD and GE wagon at old Northampton Station on long closed and abandoned Geraldton Northampton line October 13th.

Photo Phil Melling



CBH009 & CBH004 on 7G32 empty grain to Mingenew at Mahomets Flats 13/10.

Photo Phil Melling



P2509 & P2506 on 4302 final QRN CBH grain train at Burges October 31st.

Photo Jim Bisdee



P2514 following engine change ran 4302 grain to Kwinana at Toodyay October 31st.

Photo Jim Bisdee



CBH004 & CBH011 on 6K... light engines at Kewdale October 19th.

Photo Brian Lynn



SCT014 on 2S56 Watco grain at Thornlie on October 29th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



AB1503, DAZ1902 & AB1502 on 5323 empty QRN grain train Hazelmere 18/10. Photo Sean McGarraghy



CBH011 on John Holland ballast train about 167km on McLevie line October 27th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



CBH011 & CBH004 on 5K63 empty grain at Middle Swan October 18th.

Photo Sean McGarraghy



ACA6002 & ACA6011 on 1030 ore train departing Forrestfield for Kwinana 21/10. Photo Evan Jasper



By November 1st DR8405 had been reduced to bogies and a bits of its frame. Photo John Rummmings

First of the latest locomotives for QRN West Australian operations ACC6030 has been completed and was in undercoat under test at United Group Rail Broadmeadow works. These locomotives are being built and numbered with the 6020 class of which 30 are on order that will see 22 of them used on intermodal services and eight on West Australian ore and freight trains.



ACC6030 the latest QRN WA locomotive in undercoat is undergoing testing at UGR Broadmeadow NSW plant on November 3rd. Photo Brad Coulter

CFCLA CM40-8M CF4303 has been repainted following overhaul into CFCLA livery and named Warrior is still undergoing final fit out and testing at UGR Bassendean.

ZB2125 running Watco ballast trains at Ballidu for John Holland failed on October 26th with CBH011 spare locomotive at Avon Yard being run light engine that day to take over operating this service. CBH011 ran these ballast trains till November 1st when it was replaced by ZB2120 that ran 5K23 light engine Bellevue to Goomalling, then onto Ballidu on 2nd to allow CBH011 to return to grain haulage after hauling ZB2125 back to Gemco Bellevue for repair.