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MV Cape Hobart enters Geraldton harbour with another load of Chinese built two pack ore cars a number of them can be seen that were shipped over as deck cargo. Photo Phil Melling

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MV Cape Hobart carried 54 wagons being 27 two pack AHCF ore wagons that were unloaded in Geraldton over Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th. These 54 wagons were trucked to Narngulu to be railed unlike the previous shipment of 46 [23 X two pack AHCF ore cars] that were railed at the port then hauled to Narngulu. These 54 wagons are the first shipment of a total of 190 [95 X 2 pack ore cars] that will be delivered to Geraldton by June 2009. PM

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Five of the new AHCF ore wagons have entered service so far on ore train of MHAF and earlier AHCF cars being worked by DFZ2406 and DFZ2404 on 14th. PM

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Loco fleet allocated to Geraldton on 13th was AB1501, DFZ2404, DFZ2406, DFZ2407, P2503, P2505, P2506, P2509, P2510 and P2515. PM

7366 wheat train and return of 7365 empty was worked by P2516, AD1520 and P2502 on 14th this was the first time for months that AD1520 had run to Kwinana. GS

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EL61 was #3 standard gauge shunter on 10th shunting QR National intermodal 3PA1. Following departure of TL155 ARG L/LZ3100 locomotives had shunted this service.

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EL60, G511 and CLP13 ran 7AP1 QR National intermodal in on 8th and returning as 3PA1 intermodal on 10th being EL60, CLP13 and G511. This service saw the first run of a QR National CLP to WA and the first CLP to be in WA for months following the departure of leased G&W CLP16. EL51, G533 and CLF7 ran 3AP1 intermodal in on 12th that departed as EL51, CLF7 and G533 as 7PA1 QR intermodal on 14th.

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ST317 an old Mk11 Chamberlain tractor is now Albany's shunting tractor it's being used to move wagons around the repair depot was stabled outside Albany workshop on February 11th. Photo Stew Winston

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8030 was shunted into Gemco Rail Forrestfield for rebuild early morning on February 12th by ARG shunters. EJ

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K210 ran light engine to Kalgoorlie on 11th then ran AK car inspection train 5CO2 to Forrestfield on 12th arriving about 2000. K210 then ran 6CO1 inspection train Forrestfield to Kalgoorlie on 13th then ran light engine Kalgoorlie to SSRS yard Bellevue on 14th.

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G&W 2210 ran car inspection train into Kalgoorlie on 10th was detached and stabled. SSRS locomotive K210 ran Kalgoorlie-Forrestfield-Kalgoorlie leg of the inspection. ARG DC2215 ran AK car inspection train Kalgoorlie-Esperance on 14th then ran Esperance-Kalgoorlie AK car inspection train on 15th. On 16th DC2215 ran AK car inspection train Kalgoorlie to Leonora and return. G&W 2210 will then run AK car inspection train east on 19th.

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Sunday Times Readers Mart on 15th For Sale [Trains] was add ex Prospector Perth to Kalgoorlie units for sale. SB

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NJ1602 brings up the rear of 4603 empty woodchip train departing from port unloader at Albany on February 11th for Redmond chip mill to load. NJ1605 is at head of the train hauling service with NJ1602 offline. Photo Stew Winston

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SPS6 derailment update NR35 was recovered over 7th and 8th then hauled by road to United Group Rail Bassendean on 9th and is now outside the erecting shop. NR51 on 15th was still at the derailment site and appears ready to be lifted on to low loader to be hauled to United Group Rail Bassendean during week. RZAY289 crew car appears to be scrapped on site as are most of the wrecked wagons. Jo B

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LZ31101 and LZ3109 previously in use on ARG NSW operations were allocated to Kalgoorlie to run as remote units on Portman/Cliffs iron ore trains have both suffered fire damage and are under repair. LZ3119 also suffered recent fire damage on these services. The two hired SCT G class are again remote units on these ore trains. EJ

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Owing to high temperatures heat speed restrictions on Perth-Midland and Perth-Maddington suburban lines were imposed on most days last week as these lines have not been completely resleepered with concrete sleepers.

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EL51 light engine ran into new QR National intermodal yard under construction at Forrestfield shunted up and down in the yard as a training exercise during afternoon of 13th.

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Electrical storms around 0800/0830 in Avon Valley on the 13th caused signalling problems knocking out some signals in the Moondyne area.

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Track upgrading between Perth and Cannington is continuing with concrete resleepering and ballasting taking place from 9th to 12th and on 14th with the trackworks to continue this week. R1902 is still working these ballast trains.

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EMU set #81 is still at old workshops Midland undergoing bogie exchange. NR77 on 11th ran gondola wagon containing bogies as 4P25 to Midland for fitting to this railcar.



AHCF ore wagon is hauled by road from Geraldton port to ARG Narngulu yards on 9th. Photo Phil Melling

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