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Coote Industrial/South Spur Rail Indonesian built General Electric UM20C originally ICTI of Manilla in Philippines number 1 is now U201 at Bellevue on March 25th.

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A locomotive imported by the previous owners of South Spur Rail Services, General Electric UM20C built in Indonesia under licence in 1997 that was used in Manilla but has never seen service in WA. This locomotive was ICTI number 1 but in recent times has been unclassified and unnumbered has now been numbered U201. This numbering sees the revival of U classification last used on WAGR oil burning steam locomotives imported over 62 years ago.

A further 60 of the 190 ore wagons to be delivered to Mt Gibson from China arrived by ship at Geraldton on March 17th and were unloaded on 17th and 18th being hauled to Narngulu yard by road to be railed. Following the arrival of these new wagons as from March 23rd there are now none of the older wagon types running on the iron ore trains.

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Only DFZ locomotives were running the Geraldton iron ore trains on March 21st/22nd with DFZ2401 & DFZ2407 on one iron ore train while DFZ2404 & DFZ2406 were running the other.

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P2507, AB1503 and 2512 run 1323 empty wheat train as it descends the grade at Botherling on Wongan Hills while running north to be loaded on March 22nd. Photo Murray Rowe



P2516 & a very smoky DAZ1904 both long end leading on 1335 empty wheat train runs up the grade towards Dowerin on the Wyalkatchem line on March 22nd. Photo Murray Rowe



ZB2125 runs ballast train towards Bowgada on Perenjori line on March 22nd with upgrading of this line underway to enable iron trains to run from Morawa to Geraldton.

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ZB2125 is operating ballast trains between Perenjori and Morawa with track upgrading taking place that includes replacing gravel ballast with blue metal ballast.

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