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Multiple unit GT46C locomotives Q4019 & SCT005 in the rain run 3426 Kalgoorlie freight around the curve at Bellevue on August 12th on now usual deployment of hired SCT locomotives. Photo Jim Bisdee

8039 ran EMU set #85 to workshops for bogie exchange on 5th, this Pacific National Kewdale yard shunter then ran on the mainline again a week later on August 12th to attach three gondola wagons now loaded with standard gauge transfer bogies for return to Acacia Ridge to be used on EMU set #86 delivery.

A programme of rail rectification and rail grinding is underway in the Avon Valley all this week that from August 10th has seen wrong line running and train order working on this two track CTC controlled line.

Pacific National 6MP4 hit an old World War 11 vintage army scout car on a level crossing east of Merredin at Carabin about 1500 on August 9th. It appears 6MP4 side swiped the scout car shoving it off the track into a ditch its driver suffering extensive injuries, virtually undamaged 6MP4 was delayed about five hours.



DFZ2405 & DFZ2401 work another loaded Mt Gibson iron ore train past Separation Point in Beachlands a Geraldton suburb on its run to the port unloader on August 8th. Photo Phil Melling



About three weeks earlier on July 17th and over one thousand four hundred kilometres to the north east BHPBIO 4338, 5638 & 5087 run a loaded ore train through Shaw to Port Hedland. Photo Phil Melling



P2502, DFZ2406 & DFZ2407 on 5546 coal train at Byrne Park on August 14th this is the only service that runs between Forrestfield and Narngulu. Photo Phil Melling



FMG002 & 003 run loaded ore train through Woodstock cutting at 145km on FMG Pilbara Infrastructure line from Port Hedland to Cloudbreak mine on August 14th. Photo Toad Montgomery

EMU set #5 damaged in a side swipe on July 13th has been repaired at Claisebrook depot and returned to service on August 12th as did EMU set #25 following completion of a general overhaul.

SCT003 and SCT005 still run nightly as remote units on 025/426 freight trains that has seen some interesting combinations like: Q4004, Q4009 & SCT003 on 1025 freight when it was hauled up for crew training on July 19th, LZ3120 & SCT003 on 3025 freight on July 28th, Q4012 & SCT005 on 4025 freight on July 29th, LZ3120, G515 & SCT003 on 5025 freight on July 30th, Q4003 & SCT005 on 5426 freight out of Kalgoorlie on July 30th, LZ3120 & SCT003 [that ran together for almost two weeks] on 6426 freight out of Kalgoorlie on July 31st, L3115 & SCT003 on 7426 ex Kalgoorlie on August 9th, Q4014, SCT003 & DC2205 on 2426 ex Kalgoorlie on August 8th, LQ3122, L3116 & SCT005 on 6025 freight on August 14th and LZ3107, SCT003 & DC2215 on 7025 freight on August 15th. These two predominately white SCT locomotives have been in some colourful lashups on these overnight freight trains.

Former NSWGR locomotive 4809 a virtual shell that was delivered by road from Parkes NSW to Gemco Rail at Forrestfield on September 9th 2008 has been completely rebuilt with a Caterpillar engine and was to have undergone trials on August 13th with D48 but was called off and the locomotive in Coote livery remains stabled on ARG loco ladder Forrestfield.

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NOTE Next Issue will be on Thursday AUGUST 27TH as I will be away for a few days.