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A works train with its Simplex locomotive and four wheel wagons slowly runs out on the 1.5km Carnarvon Jetty to affect repairs to fire damage on August 18th a scene that is reminiscent of 1960's. Photo Jim Bisdee

A \$1.3 million project to repair some 70 metres of fire damage that destroyed part of the 1.5km wooden jetty at Carnarvon on October 28th 2007 commenced about three weeks ago replacing the destroyed piles and decking. This jetty repair involves the use of a works train hauled by PW28 [Motor Rail Ltd Simplex Works number 9040] hauling one 4-wheel wagon with large diesel air compressor mounted on it, while propelling three 4-wheel wagons on the run out on the jetty. First of these 4-wheel wagons from the locomotive carries generators, oxy torches and various tools, the next four wheel wagon that has been extended to about double its original length carries the wooden piles/timber decking, while the 4-wheel wagon at the head of the train has had a crane and stabilisers built on to the wagon. A works train running on one of the last remaining jetties in the northwest brings back how repairs were under taken by PWD when the town jetty was vital.

BHP Billiton Iron Ore have announced the 40 names to be applied to the unnamed SD70MACe locomotives that were determined as a result of a school competition and nomination process by employees.

Which locomotive will receive which name has not been released as yet.

The 40 names with an explanation of each are listed below:

Withnell after Emma Withnell who was the first white woman to make the Pilbara her home being at Mt Welcome Station near Roebourne

Hilditch after Stan Hildich prospector who discovered Mt Whaleback iron ore deposit at Newman

Warman after Stan Hildich's associate

Giles after Ernest Giles white explorer who named Ophthalmia Range near Newman

Mystery after the boat Captain Peter Hedland built and used to explore our [BHPBIO] harbour in 1863 for purpose of developing an export port

Courage, Tenacity, Integrity, Endurance four names that reflect BHPB Iron Ores values

Tabba, Ruby, Woodstock, Spring four siding names on Newman mainline not currently used as loco name

Marallana siding on MAC [Mining Area C] line not currently used as loco name

Redmont after Redmont rail camp halfway to Newman

Finucane after Finucane Island original location of Goldsworthy Mining operations now car dumper 4

Hamersley after Hamersley Ranges in Pilbara

Osumi Maru after bulk ore ship that carried first shipment of Mt Newman ore out of Port Hedland in 1969

Pilbara after the region where BHPB Iron Ore operates

Yandi after BHPBIO Yandi mine/mines

Wheelara, Jimblebar two names of cattle stations that are passed by railway and not used as loco name

Hematite mineral form of iron oxide huge deposits are found in banded iron formations in the Pilbara

Oroville after #1 car dumper and original ore cars imported from Oroville Dam project in California

Broken Hill after original home of BHP

Tjilla after the construction of Mt Newman Mining Railway the line was known as Tjilla Trail as it was like a snake weaving its way through the Pilbara

Southern Cross, ANZAC two names are symbols of Australia they also both identify with large number of New Zealand people who are employed by BHPBIO in Pilbara

Spinifex after many tussocky, spiky grasses found in arid parts of Australia

Karlkula, Kakula, Jalkupurta, Patharra, Pantarangu, Jarturtu, Wikirra, Mijarra eight names are all indigenous flora names

Pepper school children's winning entry [after her dog]

Maverick school children's winning entry [he liked the name]

Lightning after numerous lightning storms during Pilbara wet season

At 6 Mile yard Dampier Rio Tinto has stored withdrawn C36-7 locomotives 5051 and 5052 together with ex Robe River CM40-8M locos 9414, 9425, 9420, 9424, 9417 and 9410. Some of the other CM40-8M units are still in use as shunters at Cape Lambert or Pannawonica.

Tracklaying and ballasting on the approximately 20 km extension of Robe River Iron Deepdale line to its new iron ore deposits at Mesa A is underway.

Scrapping of obsolete ore cars is continuing at Dampier south of 7 Mile complex with them being cut up near the old sandblaster facility. There are also two lines about 1500 metres long of withdrawn and stored cars on the two long shunting necks/storage roads at Tom Price end of 7 Mile.



PW28 in the yards at Carnarvon Jetty on August 18th showing the changes made to the original Motor Rail Ltd Simplex locomotive now with Perkins diesel engine and automatic transmission. Photo Jim Bisdee



NR85 in Southern Spirit livery now with some trips just announced it may not be leading freight trains like here with NR73 running through Hazelmere on August 23rd. Photo Alex Mackay



NR26 reflected in a pool of water on a wet day at Midland running light engine on locomotive turn from East Perth Terminal on August 18th where it will turn on Woodbridge triangle. Photo Justin Brown



P2516 long end leading is cab to cab with P2516 on empty wheat train at the bottom of Greenmount as they are about to run under Great Eastern Highway Bridge on August 22nd. Photo Brendan Cherry



LDP005 & LDP006 haul dead attached new ARG loco AC4301 out of Glenlee NSW on August 17th bound for Melbourne on 1BM7 at the start of AC4301 delivery run across Australia. Photo Mark Bennett

AC4308 ran a works trial on August 20th with AC4305, AC4306 & 2208 out of United Group Rail to Maitland area. AC4306 arrived from builders at Forrestfield about 0500 on August 28th being hauled on 4AP1 QR National intermodal behind CLF7 & CLP9 with returning LQ3122. Following commissioning AC4301 entered service dead attached behind Q4003 and G515 on 7025 freight to Kalgoorlie on 29th.

G521 arrived at SCT Forrestfield in early hours of August 26th behind SCT001 & SCT013 for use as a shunter at SCT Forrestfield logistics facilities and yard.

Construction of the second line on BHPBIO Mt Newman main line south from Bing where the two track line from Nelson Point ends has commenced with about one kilometre of line laid of which about 500 metres has been ballasted and tamped.

Transport of grain from lines in Great Southern to CBH Albany has been completed with the two grain train sets and locomotives running to Avon Yard during last few weeks to see use on other parts of the system. DAZ1903 ran light engine from Merredin to Yealering on August 16th to attach 40 empty wheat wagons that had earlier been detached after being hauled there from Avon Yard by P2515.
