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8122 runs 4P25 empty coach movement at Kalamunda Road Bridge on March 3rd of EMU set #89 from Kewdale to the old workshops Midland to be fitted with its narrow gauge power bogies. Photo Jim Bisdee

The old Daddow Road level crossing was removed on March 4th a large amount of work was undertaken to remove now redundant signalling like ground shunt signal #86, flashing crossing lights and boom gates together with other track improvements. As there is no longer a level crossing with the Daddow Road Bridge having been in use since last October restrictions on trains crossing in the vicinity have now been removed.

Trials of Automatic Route Setting [ARS] signalling system on Public Transport Authority commuter lines continues with system trials taking place on all lines.

Loss of power to signalling system at McIver on March 4th from around 0745 till some services were able to reach Peth City Station from about 0810 with power restored completely by about 0840 with services slowly returning to normal after causing extensive delays to commuters in peak period.



No it's not a Westrail train except for the number of AB1504 it could be as it and AB1502 run 4453 grain train north through Koonadgin on early morning of March 3rd en route to Merredin. Photo Don Copley



AB1502, P2506 & DAZ1904 descend the grade south of Dalwallinu on with 7322 grain train for Kwinana that was earlier loaded at McLevie. Photo Don Copley



P2517 runs 5757 light engine from Forrestfield into Coorow on February 18th where it will be attached to wheat train loading at CBH wheat bin and run to Narngulu loco.

Photo Don Copley



P2510 long end leading runs empty mineral sands train to Eneabba south through Georgina on February 27th owing to fires in Arrowsmith area this train was trapped at mine site for days.

Photo Phil Melling



LZ3103, LZ3120 & Q4009 on short 7426 Kalgoorlie freight without the usual sulphuric acid tankers on lead of the train at Woodbridge on February 14th.

Photo Alex Mackay



Q4001 & LQ3122 on 5058 wheat train exits the Avon Valley at Brigadoon on February 11th with another of the huge standard gauge grain trains that are running.

Photo Alex Mackay

Overhaul of P2514 is now nearly complete with the locomotive being outside the erecting shed at UGR Bassendean over weekend of March 6/7th P2514 is now painted in ARG [QR] yellow livery.

Damaged NR35 and NR 51 remain stored outside the erecting shed at UGR Bassendean.

Steam locomotives Fs452 and V1215 with W943 were put up for disposal by the Shire of Collie a couple of years ago as they were in poor condition. Owing to a public backlash in Collie disposal of the locomotives was withdrawn by the Shire of Collie and they would remain in the small museum at town entrance. Fs452 and V1215 have recently been sandblasted then repainted by Collie Historical Advisory Committee members and now appear in pristine condition.

Chicago Burlington & Quincy General Pershing Zephyr observation car Silver Star built by Budd in USA in 1939 that was presented to Mt Newman Mining in August 1974 by AMAX [American Metals Climax] and named Sundowner to mark the 100th million ton of iron ore exported. This car saw use over the years as dignitary and executive transport, ran families between Port Hedland and Newman but has seen little use in recent years being withdrawn in mid 2009 and stored at Finucane Island. It is reported BHPBIO, Town of Port Hedland and FORM will install and refurbish the coach in the Courthouse Gallery gardens part of the Port Hedland West End development that continues to be undertaken in Edgar Street. The car will be refurbished into a cafe restaurant should be in operation in July.



P2516 & AD1520 run 4313 empty wheat train on February 24th past an empty salt pan south of Piawaning on the Miling line that even though its only 30kg rail is not threatened by closure. Photo Don Copley
