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DBZ2312 & DAZ1903 run 1273 lime and empty coal train on April 11th up the grade on north leg of the triangle joining South West Main to the Collie line at Brunswick East. Photo Simon Barber

SCT009 & [dead attached failure] SCT007 on 4PM9 departed SCT yard Forrestfield yard at 2035 on April 14th for its return run to Melbourne. This service didn't have a back up locomotive in case of problems on 1750+kms between Parkeston and Port Augusta as one of these modern powerful GT46C-ACe 3200kw locomotives can easily haul the load. An electrical storm occurred in the Wilban Haig area of Trans line as 4PM9 was proceeding east with lightning striking the rail just in front of SCT009 that disabled the unit. 4PM9 was a total failure about 1450 on 15th at the 1343.200km mark. Pacific National intermodal 4PM6 following 4MP9 was then used to propel 4MP9 some 13kms to the crossing loop at Haig to stable and await relief locomotive. GM37 & SCT011 relief locomotives 6AH9 departed Dry Creek SA around 0700 local time on 16th reaching 4MP9 around 0200 on 17th then arriving back at Port Augusta about 2000.

Crew car JRA6 was hauled to Adelaide for air conditioner repairs following repair returned to Kalgoorlie on 4AP1 QR National intermodal on April 15th.



S3303 had failed on 961 empty bauxite train at Serpentine on April 12th is propelled by relief locomotives off 2273 lime and empty coal train towards Keysbrook loop to clear South West Main. Photo Murray Rowe



P2503 long end leading on 5325 empty wheat train runs through Jennacubbine on Avon Yard to Goomalling line on April 8th. Photo Simon Barber



Q4005 long end leading runs 5142 container train Forrestfield to North Port rail terminal North Fremantle through Thornlie on April 15th one of the few times a Q class has run this train. Photo Brendan Cherry



DBZ2305 on 1237 caustic train bypasses failed 1961 empty bauxite train in the loop at Mundijong as relief S class is attached to failed unit to run train on April 11th. Photo Murray Rowe



DAZ1906 on 1923 empty caustic tankers runs through Waterloo on April 11th on its return to load at Inner Harbour in Bunbury. Photo Simon Barber



P2511 & P2505 both long end leading on 4673 wheat train just completed loading at Cranbrook and are about to depart for CBH export terminal at Albany on April 7th. Photo Evan Jasper

P2514 was released from overhaul by UGR at Bassendean running light engine to Forrestfield on April 20th, a load trial was conducted to CBH Kwinana on 21st with P2514 attached to lead of 4758 wheat train ahead of P2513 & P2507.

Magnitude 5 earthquake occurred about 10km south of Boulder around 0815 on April 20th that caused some disruption to rail operations as trains were instructed to reduce speed and be cautious till track and bridges checked in case of damage. No serious delays occurred and no track or rail structures suffered damage.



LZ3109 runs 5474 loaded salt train through Thornlie in evening of April 15th on one of the last runs of this twice weekly service from Koolyanobbing to Kwinana. Photo Brendan Cherry

Programme of replacing failed concrete sleepers on the EGR at five locations between Meckering and Hines Hill commenced on April 13th and with completion anticipated on May 23rd. These locations vary in length from around 500m to about a kilometre.

NR51 remote unit in Golden Ridge derailment on January 30th 2009 was prepared for haulage interstate at UGR Bassendean in mid April with Pacific National collecting this unit on April 21st and hauling it as 4P24 to Kewdale. NR80 hauled NR51 that had its engine removed and cab covered in white plastic out of Kewdale on 4PW4 steel train 0020 on April 22nd. NR51 is to be rebuilt at SMC Spotswood in Victoria it is believed NR35 will be rebuilt at UGR Bassendean.

Transperth latest EMU set #90 was hauled from Maryborough West to Acacia Ridge as the only loading on QR 6752 freight behind 2311 & 1769D on April 22nd. EMU set #90 was then converted from narrow gauge to standard gauge transfer bogies at Acacia Ridge for its long haul to Perth.



P2502 the only P class still to be overhauled and only one left in old Westrail yellow livery stabled at ARG Albany depot on April 8th. Photo Evan Jasper



DFZ2405, DFZ2404 & DFZ2401 on 4716 empty iron ore train test train of 90 wagons departing from Port of Geraldton ore car unloader for Narngulu yards on April 14th . Photo Evan Jasper



DD2358 & DD2356 run 1853 caustic tankers through Brunswick on its run to Worsley Alumina refinery at Hamilton on April 14th. Photo Simon Barber

BHPBIO SD70MACe 4327 has been named Hamersley and was at car dumper Nelson Point overnight on April 13/14th.

Pictorial book of railway photos taken by train driver now train controller in various parts of South West of WA and of operations on the rarely photographed central Trans line to WA border has just been published. Further information and ordering is available from the publisher at:

http://web.me.com/midcon/Western_Australian_Railway_Photography/NEW_-_Book.html

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