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LDP003 & CLP9 run 2PM1 QRN intermodal at High Wycombe on December 13th. Photo Justin Brown

In a tradition that goes back to the steam days of the 1950s again this year Transperth ran Santa special services on all lines in the week leading up to Christmas. Santa and his helpers were again aboard these services but unlike services in 1950s, 60s and 70s that were sponsored by Boans Ltd and those of the 80s that had marked special service railcars. These were just regular services that had Santa on board.

All the EMUs in latest order to that has now been completed have entered service with EMU set #94 being seen in operation on December 22nd.

Fourteen shire councils in the wheatbelt have formed an alliance to pressure the state government to retain and improve the Tier Three rail lines that have been deemed “non economic” they are to be put on care and maintenance effectively closing them. This is part of the \$179 million upgrade in the wheatbelt that will see funding going to improve local roads. Wheatbelt Railway Retention Alliance spokesperson Shire of Narembeen CEO Mr Frank Peczka says rail is the safest and most economical way to cart grain and this alliance will campaign to keep grain on rail and continue till a suitable resolution is reached.



Forrestfield loco on November 25th looking north with maintenance depot in distance and above ground dual gauge turntable in the foreground with QRN locos stabled withdrawn locos stored. Photo Don Copley



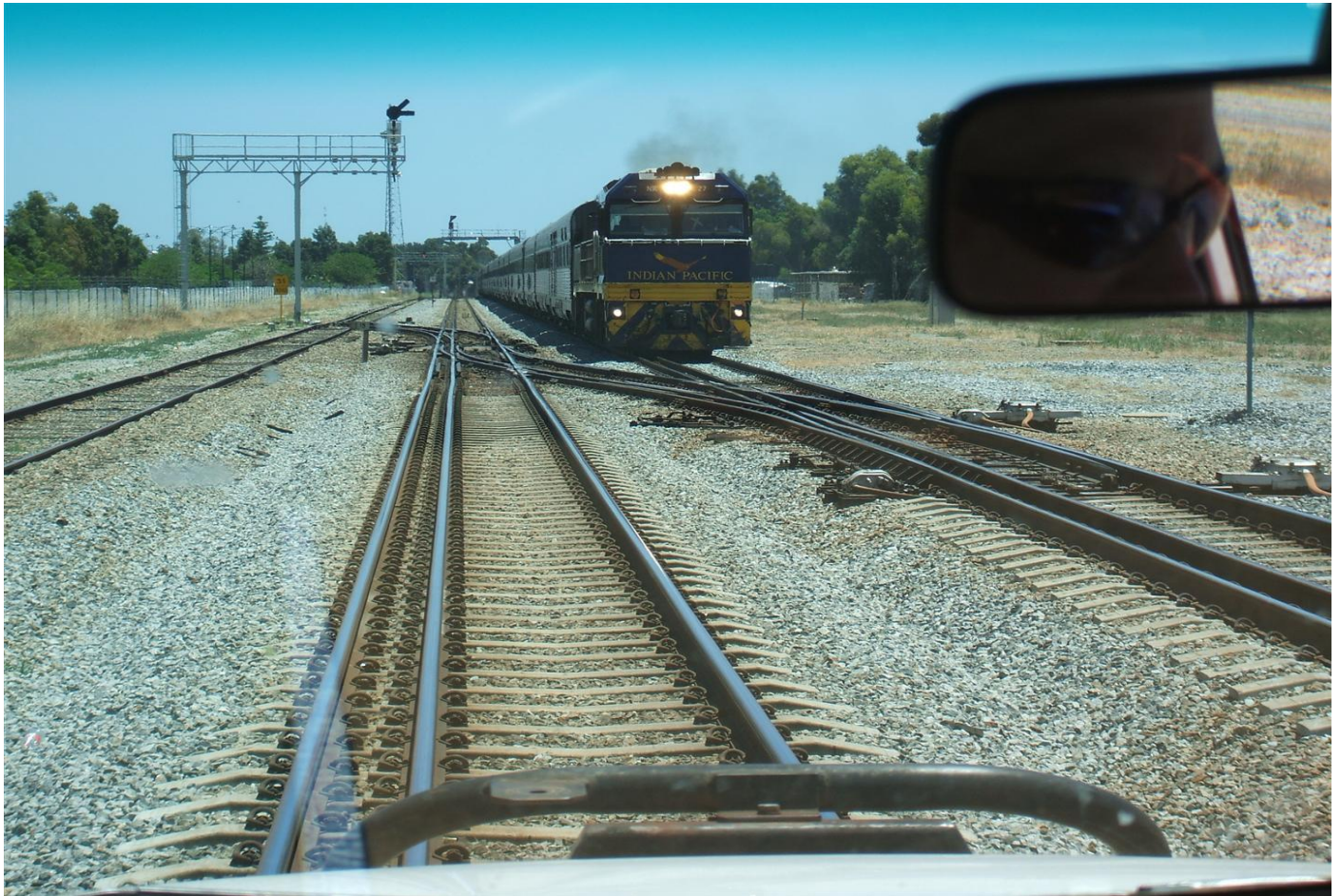
Historic ex BHP Whyalla locomotive 1251 stored at narrow gauge loco November 25th. Photo Don Copley



Points at Perenjori South going of main line to Mt Gibson loading facility December 12th. Photo Phil Melling



Earthworks December 12th for Mt Gibson siding the Extension Hill mine loading point on the eastern side of line to Maya south of Perenjori that will see 3 million tons of ore pa exported. Photo Phil Melling



NR27 on 4PA8 Indian Pacific departing Midland about to cross hi rail vehicle approaching dual gauge points out of the Midland loop on November 24th.

Photo Don Copley



P2504 on 1BT3 empty ballast train at Oakover Road Middle Swan December 19th.

Photo Alex Mackay



S3311 on 7556 export coal train at Keysbrook on December 18th.

Photo Alex Mackay



RA212 & R1902 on 1S24 rail train at Pootenup siding site December 12th.

Photo Don Copley



R1902 & KA212 on 6S23 rail train at Bellevue on December 10th.

Photo Don Copley



F40 shunts coaches on Dwellingup triangle December 12th.

Photo Justin Brown



ZB2120 & ZB2125 on ballast train at Moojebing on December 12th.

Photo Don Copley

All the 13 ex Hamersley Iron C636R; 3006, 3010, 3012, 3014, 3016, 4031, 4032, 4035, 4036, 4037, 4039, 4040 and 4041 two ex CRRIA C636; 9416 and 9413 and three ex BHPIO C36-7 locomotives; 5506, 5511 and 5512 stored for years at Maddington in virtual scrapped condition were scrapped week ending December 24th. There are some seven or eight frames on the ground but all cabs and hoods are piled up in some three big piles. DR8405 and ex HI 3008 was to be DR8406 are still in the yard complete and stored on their bogies.

Kalgoorlie freight 5426 to Forrestfield arriving on December 24th had Q4007, LZ3101, AC4303, LZ3120, AC4308 and L3110 six locomotives three yellow and three orange.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

WISHING ALL THE READERS OF WEST AUSTRALIAN RAILSCENE E-MAG A
HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR MAY 2011 BE GREAT

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