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S3309 rounds a curve west of Bella on the steep but scenic Collie line it then climbs another grade working block empty caustic tankers to Bunbury on September 4th.

Photo Sean McGarraghy

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Re-sleepering of PTA Armadale to Mundijong line reached point just north of Mundijong Junction on September 28th completing the initial phase of this lines upgrading. Initial ballasting of the upgraded line was completed on 29th. Tamping, lifting and further ballasting will take place throughout October together with level crossing renewal and some bridge works.

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Further information has come to hand on the DPU trial conducted on September 20th 126 wagons were used but they were spread as; train locomotive 53 ore cars, DPU remote locomotive 53 ore cars, DPU locomotive 20 ore cars. The original configuration was altered just prior to departure to reflect the locomotive spacing on a 159 ore car train to test DPU signal transmission and reception.

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Comeng built Prospector cars WCE921 and WCA902 were scrapped some weeks ago with WCA904 and WCA905 being scrapped at C. D. Dodd scrap yard in Forrestfield on September 23rd. Only WCA901 still remains in the in the scrap yard it's been there since May 2008.





These BHPBio locomotives being built in Canada in May 2010 have now been operating across the BHPBio Pilbara rail network for over 12 months. Current BHPBio orders totalling 29 locomotives are being manufactured in the new Progress Rail Services plant at Muncie Indiana USA. Photo Baden Tidd



Q4017 & AC4304 on 1025 freight at dusk at Woodbridge on September 25th. Photo Brendan Cherry





NR18 on 1PA8 Indian Pacific at Grass Valley on September 4th.

Photo Sean McGarraghy



ACB4401 hauled dead on 6PM1 behind 6001 & 6012 at Bolivar SA on September 24th. Photo Scott Hillan





WCA901 in C.D. Dodd scrap yard Forrestfield on September 25th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



6001, 6012 dead ACB4401 about to enter Parkeston yard September 26th.

Photo Peter Donaghy





K206 & K205 top to tail on empty ballast train on Karara line about 50km September 21st. Photo Jim Bisdee



6003, LZ3119 & G516 on 7PM1 QRN intermodal at Woodbridge September 23rd. Photo Sean McGarraghy





P2505, DBZ2308 & DD2358 on 4305 empty grain at Albany September 15th.

Photo Stew Winston



AN3, NR110, NR117 & NR100 on 6P23 engine turn at Woodbridge September 23rd. There engine turns on the Woodbridge triangle are the only time AN locomotives lead in WA.

Photo Sean McGarraghy





6001, 6012 with ACB4401 dead on 6PM1 QRN intermodal at 664km September 26th. Photo Peter Donaghy



K205 & K206 on empty ballast train at about 53km Karara line September 21st.

Photo Jim Bisdee



Converted FMG SD9043MAC locomotives 905, 906, 907, 908 and 909 departed NS Juniata shops Altoona Pa on September 27th for Norfolk VA and export to Port Hedland. Tarped with GTLX reporting marks these locomotives were hauled on NS098 special movement by SD40E 6303 & 6306 the five FMG units and CSX1603 [RP20CD] on rear. All these locomotives had been rebuilt and converted at NS Juniata shops.



6003 & G516 on late running 2MP1 QRN intermodal with SCT loading on lead crossing over to enter Forrestdfield Yard on September 22nd. Photo Jim Bisdee

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Albany woodchip train departed Albany behind DD2358 & P2504 on 2308 empty wagon movement for Avon Yard on September 26th while the mill is on maintenance shut down. P2504 ran woodchip train to Forrestdfield to run through RailBam on September 28th.

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ACB4402 commenced it delivery run on September 29th on 5SM9 QRN intermodal as CLF4, CLF2, ACB4402, LDP001 & LDP005 for Melbourne where ACB4402 was detached. 6001, 6012 & ACB4402 ran 6MP1 intermodal out of Dynon Melbourne for Adelaide on September 30th then departed Adelaide for Forrestdfield on October 1st. 6PM1 arrived Forrestdfield early hours of October 3rd.

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Loop extension work has been completed at north end of Salmon Gums. A new set of self restoring points and flashing light level crossing protection has been installed at south end.

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