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L3118 & L3113 original L class locomotives in very faded old Westrail livery run 6479 empty nickel north on the rolling grades of the Leonora line November 16th that held on long enough to see the nickel boom and be converted from narrow to standard gauge in 1974.

Photo Brendan Cherry

At the Annual General Meeting of QR National held on November 21st saw the shareholders vote near unanimously in favour of the resolution "That with effect from 1 December 2012, the Companies name be changed from QR National Limited to Aurizon Holdings Limited". 6027 is the first locomotive to have new corporate named applied by its builders UGR Broadmeadow on its release on November 23rd.

Re-railing of selected curves on up main is taking place on the dual gauge Avon Valley route that has seen track closures with wrong line running and train order working taking place during week November 19th-23rd. Ballast regulating and tamping of the newly laid second track at QRN Forrestfield intermodal terminal took place on November 22nd to consolidate the track that was brought into use earlier this week. Track upgrading and resleepering is underway in the wheatbelt on Burakin to Beacon, Goomalling to McLevie and Amery to Kalannie lines with ballast trains operating on all the lines.



Eastern fuel point Parkeston during an evening storm November 22nd.

Photo Peter Donaghy



ALZ3208 at Kalgoorlie Loco November 17th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



AC4306 & ALZ3208 on late 6025 mixed freight ex Forrestfield at Bonnie Vale 17/11. Photo Brendan Cherry



LZ3109 & LZ3114 on 5474 salt train departing Southern Cross November 15th. Photo Brendan Cherry



6024 & 6008 run 3MP1 QRN intermodal approaching Kalgoorlie on November 22nd. Photo Peter Donaghy



U201 on 6QB under the wires at East Guildford running to Forrestfield November 16th. Photo Jim Bisdee



P2502 & P2513 on 7715 ore train crossing ACN4148 & ACN4151 on 7762 empty Karara ore train at new Tenindewa crossing loop on November 17th. Photo Phil Melling



P2515 & P2514 on 1717 ore train crossing P2503, DFZ2402 & P2615 on 7722 empty ore train at Grants crossing loop on November 11th. Photo Phil Melling



ACN4148 & ACN4141 on 7762 empty Karara ore train at Wilroy with abandoned old Perenjori line in the foreground note the improved gradient of the new line November 17th. Photo Phil Melling



AC4306 & ALZ3208 on 7C71 shunter to Parkeston at Kalgoorlie November 18th. Photo Peter Donaghy



AC4301 & AC4306 on 5413 ore in West Kalgoorlie yard a now rare occurrence 22/11. Photo Peter Donaghy



Q4001 & Q4011 on 6418 empty ore at Binduli November 17th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



AC4308 & ACB4405 on 7414 empty ore train Binduli November 17th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



SCT006 & SCT000 on late 8MP9 at Woodbridge 16th November.

Photo Jim Bisdee



Pintharuka CBH Grain Bin is now no longer connected to rail with new heavy duty line on left and old line on the right still connected to the bin November 17th. Photo Phil Melling



2512, DFZ2401 & P2510 on 7723 Perenjori ore train at Bell November 17th. Photo Phil Melling



NR77, XRB562 & NR20 on 2MP5 intermodal at Binduli November 21st.

Photo Peter Donaghy



CBH007 & CBH008 on Watco grain at Bootenal November 15th.

Photo Phil Melling



6007, 6023 & LP005 on late 2MPI QRN intermodal at Woodbridge November 22nd.

Photo Jim Bisdee



NR45, NR55 & NR15 on 3SP7 during storm at Parkeston November 22nd.

Photo Peter Donaghy



L3116 un-rebuilt GT26C on 5438 empty nickel at Binduli November 15th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



L3110 last un-rebuilt GT26C overhauled on 6405 acid tankers at Yilkari 16/11.

Photo Brendan Cherry



U201 on 1QB2 empty ballast passes Moora CBH with Watco grain November 11th. Photo John Bollans



Q4019, AC4301 & LZ3105 on 5025 Kalgoorlie freight Kurrawang November 16th. Photo Brendan Cherry



L3113 & L3118 both in old Westrail livery on 1442 fuel train at Higginsville 18/11. Photo Brendan Cherry



LZ3112 on 2B13 ballast train at Nulla Nulla November 19th.

Photo Brendan Cherry

Overhaul and refurbishing of CFCLA CM40-8M CD4302 [ex Robe River 9421], CD4303 [ex Robe River 9423] and CD4304 [ex Robe River 9417] is still underway at UGR Bassendean. Completed CD4301 is in use on ballast trains on FMG Solomon extension.



6007, 6023 & LDP005 on 3PM1 QRN intermodal at Woodbridge on November 22nd. Photo Jim Bisdee

U201 is now in use running ballast trains on the Burakin to Beacon line resleepering and upgrading being undertaken by John Holland for Brookfield Rail. QRN P2508 ran ballast trains on Amery Kalannie line upgrading on week ending November 23rd. LZ3112 was in use running ex Santa Fe ballast wagons on ballast trains on EGR also week ending 23rd.

CBH120 ran light engine from Gemco Forrestfield to CBH Kwinana to enter service on November 19th.

Pacific National are no longer able to turn locomotives on the Woodbridge triangle as the up Guildford Bridge over the Swan River is undergoing some maintenance. Locomotives are now turned on the triangle at Cockburn.