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NR18 & NR27 on 1PA8 Indian Pacific under the wires at East Guildford December 28th. Photo Jim Bisdee

Expanded Avonlink service was introduced from December 1st that sees four return trips per day except Wednesday, between Midland and Northam and a Saturday service introduced. The Merredin service has been reduced to once weekly on Wednesday. L3108 hauled L3118 to storage at Avon Yard on December 3rd that saw L3108 withdrawn on arrival at Avon. Fortescue Mining received further nine ex Union Pacific SD90MAC-H purchased from USA arriving on BBC Amethyst at Port Hedland on 14th being hauled by road to FMG workshop for commissioning. These locomotives will be used as remote units. Work continues on Lloyd Street Midland grade separation project with access to flashbutt depot and old Midland yard being restored on 18th. Upgrading of second B series EMUs to series three specifications continues with set 94 being the last under upgrade on 23rd. At Christmas this year the Indian Pacific again had two locomotives as was the case in early 2000s, only one locomotive was in use with the other insurance in case of failure. Transperth again operated Santa Claus special trains, with Santa on board selected services on most lines in the week before Christmas. New EMU set #104 arrived from builders on 21st.



New BHPBIO SD70ACe locomotives 4451, 4452 & 4453 running back to Nelson Point after testing 20/12.



SD70ACe 4453, 4452 & 4451 entering Nelson Point after tests on 20/12. Both photos Toad Montgomery



NR25 & NR56 on 6SP5 intermodal in cutting at Swan View December 7th.

Photo Simon Barber



Q4011 & ACA6005 on 6426 freight to Forrestfield in West Kalgoorlie yard 5/12.

Photo Peter Donaghy



MRL001 & MRL004 on 2032 Polaris ore at Herne Hill December 1st.

Photo Jim Bisdee



Q4006 on 2474 salt from Koolyanobbing with waste oil tanker at South Guildford 1/12.

Photo Jim Bisdee



S3304 on 4945 empty bauxite to Calcine after sunset at Keysbrook December 31st.

Photo Jim Bisdee



S3111 on loaded bauxite from Calcine to Kwinana at Keysbrook December 31st.

Photo Jim Bisdee



S33003 on 4238 empty caustic tankers from Calcine to Kwinana at Keysbrook 31/12.

Photo Jim Bisdee



Evening 4215 Australind service from Perth to Bunbury at Keysbrook December 31st.

Photo Jim Bisdee



NR28 & NR30 on 7SP3 intermodal leaving Avon Valley at Brigadoon December 8th. Photo Simon Barber



MRL005 & MRL002 on 2032 Polaris ore leaving Avon Valley at Brigadoon 8/12. Photo Simon Barber



CSR008 & SCT003 on 3MP9 SCT freighter South Guildford at sunup December 12th. Photo Simon Barber



Q4012, Q4011, LZ3117 & LZ3111 on 6025 freight to Kalgoorlie at Bellevue on 12/12. Photo Simon Barber



NR51 & NR43 on 6PM6 at eastern fuel point Parkeston December 6th.

Both photos Peter Donaghy



Q4012, Q4011, LZ3117 & LZ3111 on 7C71 Parkeston shunter departing West Kalgoorlie 6/12.



Q4404, SCT008 & SCT006 on 7PG1 very late [19 hours] SCT Parkes freight at Parkeston 16/12.



SCT003 & CSR008 on 1PA9 SCT special Perth Adelaide extra at Binduli 16/12. Both photos Peter Donaghy



MRL003 & NR111 on 6030 Polaris ore at rounding the deviation at Midland 12/12. Photo Simon Barber



LZ3109 & LZ3106 on 2144 ILS container train at Kenwick on December 15th. Photo Simon Barber



New Transperth/PTA B series EMU 5104 on rear 4NY3 steel at Goulburn NSW 17/12.

Photo Leon Oberg



BHPBio SD70ACe 4454 being hauled to Nelson Point for commissioning 8/12.

Photo Toad Montgomery



DC2213 on 7197 Soundcem cement shunter about to enter Forrestfield yards 13/12. Both photo Jim Bisdee



NR67 & NR92 on 1PM5 intermodal with 10x triple deck car carriers departing Forrestfield on 14/12.



LZ3114 leads Q4004 on 4426 freight ex Kalgoorlie at South Guildford December 18th. Photo Jim Bisdee



ACB4406 & Q4012 on 1029 sulphur at Woodbridge December 14th. Photo Jim Bisdee



DBZ2312, DBZ2310 & DBZ2307 on 6304 empty woodchip wagon movement stabled at Katanning 19/12.



New CBH loco CBH023 leads CBH011 on 4K16 Watco grain at Bellevue 17/12. Both photos Simon Barber



NR111 & MRL003 on 3030 Polaris ore at Middle Swan December 17th.

Photo Simon Barber



P2516 on 7823 caustic tankers at Picton December 20th.

Photo Simon Barber



NR11, NR13 & NR81 on 3MP5 intermodal Binduli December 27th.

Both photos Peter Donaghy



Road fuel tanker delivering load of fuel to loco refuelling facility at West Kalgoorlie 10/12.



ACN4173 on loaded alumina hoppers crosses Collie River at Burekup December 20th. Photo Simon Barber



DBZ2312, DBZ2310 & DBZ2307 on 3304 empty wagon movement at Herne Hill 23/12. Photo Simon Barber



NR83, MRL003 & failed NR111 on late 5032 Polaris ore at Woodbridge December 19th. Photo Jim Bisdee



MRL003 & NR30 on late 5032 Polaris ore at Welshpool after loco swap December 19th. Photo Jim Bisdee



8121 shunting empty rail wagons out of Midland flashbutt yard December 19th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



Q4016 on 5474 now discontinued salt train at Herne Hill December 4th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



CBH009 on 5K05 empty Watco grain at Hazelmere December 18th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



CBH118 & CBH120 on 2S57 empty Watco grain at Thornlie December 15th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



ACA6009 & ACC6031 on 7415 ore Koolyanobbing to Esperance at Binduli 27/12.

Photo Peter Donaghy



ACA6005 & AC4306 DPU units on 7415 ore at Binduli December 27th.

Photo Peter Donaghy



NR27 & NR50 on 1PS6 intermodal at Woodbridge December 21st.

Photo Jim Bisdee



CSR008 & CSR009 on 1PM9 SCT freight at Woodbridge December 21st.

Photo Jim Bisdee



NR35 & NR6 on 5MP2 steel with new EMU set #104 on rear at Hazelmere 21/12.

Photo Jim Bisdee



New B series EMU #104 on rear 5MP2 steel after sundown at Hazelmere 21/12.

Photo Jim Bisdee



Q4011 & L3115 on 7478 nickel from Leonora at 4km Kalgoorlie December 27th.

Photo Peter Donaghy



8121 pushing new Transperth EMU set into old workshops Midland December 22nd. Photo Jim Bisdee END