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NR12 runs 2PW4 eastbound empty steel train through Booran Crossing loop east of Merredin about 90 minutes after sunrise on March 16th. Photo Don Copley

Pacific National Kewdale shunter 8122 ran light engine to old workshops Midland on March 16th to attach the three gondola wagons stabled there that held EMU set #89 power bogies. These gondolas now contain the standard gauge transfer bogies being returned to Acacia Ridge Qld for use on delivery of next EMU set #90.

Huge 151,400 tonne Cunard cruise ship Queen Mary2 was in Fremantle inner harbour for the day on Sunday March 14th that saw a large number of people use suburban train service to go to Fremantle. This very busy line with trains every 15 minutes saw only four car EMU sets run augmented by extra services especially after QM2 departed at 1700.

3102 and 3104 arrived from New South Wales in December 2008 following ARG operations there ceasing and have never run on ARG in WA are still undergoing overhaul at Forrestfield workshop.

A hostile takeover bid for Coote Industrial has been launched by Elph Pty Ltd that already holds about 25% of Coote shares are looking to have at least a 51% shareholding. Coote whose shares were once around \$3.00 have been languishing at less than .20¢ for some time. Elph Pty Ltd is offering .26¢ cash per share.



A1504 & AB1503 run 3462 empty wheat train on March 16th out of West Merredin dual gauge yards dominated by huge CBH grain silo where this train will unload on its return from Bruce Rock. Photo Don Copley



NR29 & NR108 run 4WP2 loaded steel train with trucks on flattops and cars in triple deck car carriers on March 14th through Cunderdin just after crossing 1PS6 intermodal. Photo Alex Mackay



DFZ2404 and P2509 both in ARG [QR] liveries run empty Mt Gibson iron ore train through Narngulu east as they make another run to the mine loadout on March 5th. Photo Phil Melling



Now unnamed Ghan locomotive NR75, with consecutive numbered NR76 and NR108 all in different colours run 1PM5 intermodal through Herne Hill on March 14th. Photo Alex Mackay

DPU driver training and trials on Esperance Koolyanobbing iron ore trains have been suspended owing to technical issues since March 15th.

D48 working rail train in Norseman area was stabled on loop overnight on March 13th with further rail being dropped on Sunday 14th and Monday 15th then returning to Bellevue as 4S64 empty rail train on evening of March 16th.

A lot of the new 50kg rail being laid on Esperance line is delivered by road from the stockpile at Hampton to site and is welded in situ by TM010 track machine welder. Rail grinding and track profiling is also taking place in Norseman Daniell section.

NJ1602 was detached at narrow gauge Forrestfield by returning 4323 empty wheat train from Kwinana on March 17th for attention at Forrestfield workshop.

MA1862 ran 5UW1 light engine to old workshops Midland on March 19th to attach EMU set #89 that has had its narrow gauge power bogies fitted. EMU set #89 was hauled to Claisebrook by MA1862 on 5UW2 with EMU set then to be hauled to Nowergup for commissioning.

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