



ON SONG: Merbein Uniting Church percussion group members Lynn Adams, Jeremy Blair and Vicki McCarthy rehearse for the Merbein centenary parade. Picture: Sarah Simmons

Merbein beating its drum

By Laura Packham

MERBEIN continued its centenary celebrations yesterday with a mon-ster cent sale.

Around 100 people tried their luck in a numbers draw to win an array of prizes at the annual cent sale held at Merbein Uniting Church.

The annual fundraiser attracted a larger group this year, as crowds flooded into Merbein as part of the centenary celebrations.

Merbein Uniting Church assistant Lyn Adams said the cent sale

had been a huge success with many locals having returned to Merbein to mark the 100-year birthday of the town.

"I just think it's a way of unifying the town, it's certainly given it a lift," she said.

"It's certainly a way of people getting together for a good morning out. They talk around the table and they love getting the prizes. It's a very fun morning."

She said the event had always been popular and described it as "like a game of bingo but with more winners".

Merbein Uniting

Church continued the fun as a percussion group rehearsed for the upcoming Merbein centenary parade tomorrow.

Some 40 percussionists have practiced down Merbein streets for the past few weeks and drummed rhythmically on tambourines and tapped on irrigation pipes.

Percussion group member Barb McDonald said she never thought she would be able to play the drums but after the rehearsals now had plans to continue with the percussion group.

The group said their tapping feet and swinging hips would bring a spark of excitement to the parade and encouraged Sunraysia to get involved in this weekend's events.

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