



TOURS: Merbein Centenary Office volunteers Irene Byrne and Colleen Blaby are busy.

Picture: Casey Groves

Merbein is in party mode

By Hannah Knight

MERBEIN has thrown open a window to the past.

With just one-day until Merbein's 100th birthday celebrations begin, volunteers are busy selling tickets, booking places for tours and supplying information at the Centenary Office.

The Centenary Office is at 91 Commercial Street and is open from 9am to 4pm.

Rebecca Wells, a Merbein Centenary Committee member, said the office should be people's first port of call for information about the centenary.

"Tickets for the various events have been on sale since Friday and we've been pleasantly surprised with how well things are going," she said.

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With the first Merbein cente-

nary event tomorrow, Ms Wells said excitement was building among the town's people.

People are invited to a registration session, a meet and greet and the launch of "Merbein 100 years in Pictures" tomorrow, ahead of an official Centenary opening at Apex Civic Park at 10am on Saturday.

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A Centenary Market will fill Merbein's CBD on Sunday from 8am to 1pm while a crowd will also gather at Kenny Park for the Settler's Picnic.

On Tuesday, visitors can enjoy a historic cliff-side walk from

9.45am to noon before setting off for a walk on the Merbein Common on Wednesday, August 19.

A country music night will be held at the Merbein Club from 7.30pm on Thursday, August 20, while the street parade will start at 1.30pm on Friday, August 21.

A selection of schools will be open for visits on Saturday, August 22, with people invited to kick up their heels at Wakefields Transport Settlers' Bush Dance from 8pm at the Wakefield Transport Shed.

A farewell lunch will be at Lower Murray Water from noon on Sunday, August 23.

A full program of events is available at www.merbeincentenary.com.au

SUNRAYSIA Daily will publish a 12-page Merbein Centenary souvenir wrap around tomorrow.