

Merbein puts on her parade party dress

By Hannah Knight

MERBEIN will be abuzz with activity today for the Fishers Supermarkets Centenary Parade.

Starting at 1.30pm at Kenny Park, more than 200 floats will make their way along Commercial Street before finishing at Cameron Street.

Hundreds of schoolchildren will represent Merbein's past, present and future, while whip-crackers, cattle drovers and historic re-enactments will get pulses racing.

Richard Wells, centenary parade co-ordinator, said the parade was a must-see event.

"We'll have one local girl (Jodie Foreman) doing stilt walking, which will be good to watch, people have been hanging out to see the ADFA dehydrator entry and Tania Zaetta

is also creating a bit of interest. The parade will feature whip crackers, police horses, Elliot the Emu, vintage cars, steel-wheeled tractors and a huge array of entertainment.

At 7pm tonight the Merbein Sawmills Fireworks Spectacular will have the town sparkling. At 9.30am tomorrow brunch will be available at the Merbein District Historical Society before the town's schools open for tours.

At 1pm tomorrow a boat flotilla will be in the spotlight before the Wakefield Transport Settlers' Bush Dance kicks up its heels at 8pm.

The Merbein Centenary, a 10-day event, will finish on Sunday with the Lower Murray Water Farewell Sunday Lunch at Kenny Park.

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Moving in prime time

AN old Foden prime mover will feature in today's Merbein centenary parade.

The 1952 Foden has been restored by GTS Freight Management with help from John Judd Industries, Mildura Stop



EMU PARADE: Chloe, 10, shows off her cockatoo costume and Jorja, 11, is dressed as an emu. The Merbein West Primary School students can't wait to be a part of today's parade.

Picture: Casey Groves

Signs, Murray Valley Electrics, Bridge-stone Tyres Australia, APK Engineering, Mildura Truck Centre and Tony Lush. The Fishers Supermarkets Centenary Parade will start at 1.30pm today.