

Merbein re-lives centenary

By Hannah Knight

MERBEIN will re-live the magic of its centenary celebrations, thanks to a new DVD.

Released in time for Christmas, the DVD showcases all the highlights from this year's Merbein centenary parade.

Rebecca Wells, Merbein centenary publicity officer, said the DVD would provide a glimpse in to the past for future generations.

"And, it's just nice for people to be able to sit at home and watch it all in their own time."

While the DVD features a collection of footage and images from the August 21 parade, it also includes some footage from town celebrations in 1959.

With a theme of old and new, about 8000 people lined the streets of Merbein for the parade earlier this year.

Featuring notable guests including Bollywood star and former Merbein woman Tania Zaetta, the parade was just one of the many events included in the 10-days of centenary celebrations.

Richard Wells, parade co-ordinator, said: "We had some fantastic entries from all sectors of the community."

"For example, there were some local men, who, as children, were in the 1959 parade on horse back."

"They were in the centenary parade on a horse and cart."

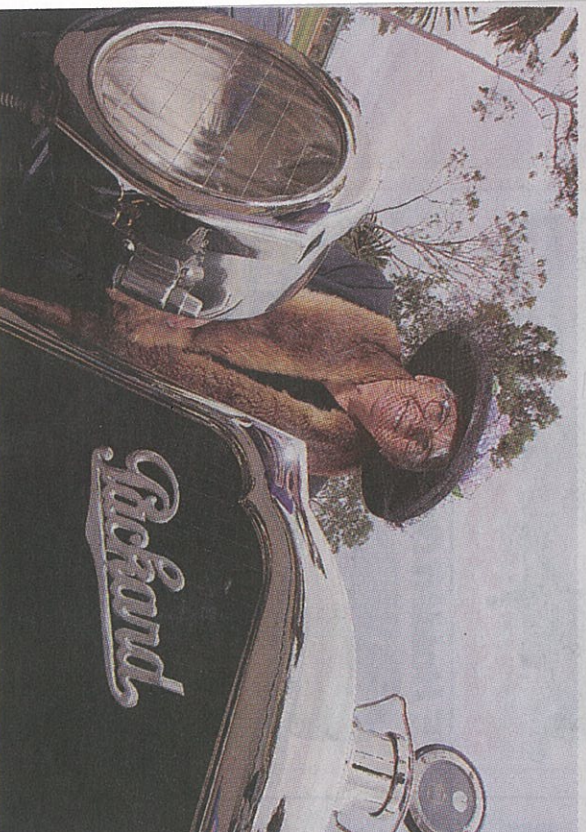
"The schools put in a mammoth effort with the children having some creative outfits and props."

The centenary DVD has been made possible, thanks to the work of Pru Burns and Bernadette Wells.

Copies of the DVD are on sale at the Merbein Post Office for \$20.



PIONEERING SPIRIT: Harrison and Alexander dressed as pioneers to take pride of place on the Merbein Historical Society float.



FASHIONABLE: Jean Hinks dressed the part for a ride in a classic Packard in the Merbein centenary parade.