

Merbein prepares for 100th birthday

READY TO ROLL: Centenary parade co-ordinator Rich Wells is ready for some fun.

Picture: Sarah Simmons



By Jono Pech

ENTRIES are open for the street parade on August 21 celebrating Merbein's centenary.

The parade's theme is Merbein Past and Present and will see schools, businesses, public figures and members of the community celebrate the history and culture of Merbein.

The Fishers Supermarkets Merbein Centenary Street Parade Friday will start in Kenny Park and finish at Chaffey Park, from 2.15pm to 4.30pm.

Merbein Centenary committee member Rebecca Wells said the township was getting

involved in the celebrations but there was more room for public involvement.

"We're hoping to get a lot of the community involved and have spoken to people about putting in floats, especially local schools," Ms Wells said.

"There are 500 school kids involved.

"There are people coming back to be in the parade who were in the Jubilee Parade years ago.

"Afterward we'll continue entertainment all day with a family theme.

"There will be 10 days of lots

of things for people to see and participate in.

"There are lots of different events and people who have come on board to help it get organised, so it's going to be really good.

"We've got lots of interest from different areas of the community but we're still looking for sponsorship and volunteers."

Sally Herath made a Murray cod float to be used in the parade in the Fisherman's Camp section.

"It was a fun challenge but it's not finished," she said.

"We've got to put wheels on

it and it'll be pulled along.

"It's a chicken wire frame with satin and sequin around it which has been spray painted."

Richard Wells, Centenary Parade co-ordinator, said the parade had been an ongoing project for years and was finally coming together.

"We submitted an application for the parade to council in October 2007 but the Merbein Historical Society has been planning it for five years.

To register interest complete an expression of interest entry form at www.merbeincenary.com.au or call 5025 2288.