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Volunteers – Yes Please

Do you want to meet some new people or catch up with old friends? Have you ever thought of volunteering?

The Merbein Centenary Committee is looking for volunteers to help out during the ten days of celebrations. The Centenary runs from the 14 – 23 August this year.

Volunteering brings individuals and communities many benefits. Such as shared experiences, increased community participation, as well as building community pride and spirit. It's also a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. And more importantly you don't have to be a local or a Merbein resident, you just need to be enthusiastic and committed.

There's a dedicated sub-committee lead by Patsy and Ray Barraclough who are organising the bush dance. Mrs Barraclough says "So far we've got volunteers from Merbein and Mildura. It's great to get new ideas."

Local Merbein residents Geoff and Norma Baker have become involved in the Wakefield Transport Settlers Bush Dance, which is been held on Saturday 22nd August. They pair love dancing and can't wait for the Bush Dance. As a part of their volunteer work toward the centenary, they've taken on the task to decorate Wakefield Warehouse building on Main Avenue in Merbein.

Geoff says "This is where the bush dance will be held. We've got a big job ahead of us but all the work will be worth it in the end. Plus it's that feeling of satisfaction you when you volunteer. You get to give back to the community."

So do you have a hidden talent that you're ready to expose? Do you have a passion or skill you use in your work or everyday life that could be applied and used in a role of a volunteer? Over the ten days of the centenary celebrations, there will be many events and opportunities for people to become involved.

Chairman of the Merbein Centenary Committee Leon Wagner says "We're still looking for people to come out and help before and during the event. There are plenty of different jobs that people can get involved."

Some of the tasks that need looking after include manning the Merbein Centenary Office, marshalling events, event evaluations, computer skills and other general office duties.

If you're keen to become a volunteer during the centenary, let us know what skills are and what you'd be interested in doing.

Please leave your contact details with Gloria Wall at Simposon's Bargen Basement Gifts, 75 Commercial Street, Merbein or email Bernadette Wells on wellkins@hotmail.com.au.

For further information about the Merbein Centenary Celebrations, such as Wakefield Transport Settlers Bush Dance, please see Merbein Centenary web site

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