

Crowds flock to 'Trial by Jury'



• SPOTLIGHT: District residents enjoy Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury" performed by "Singularity" at the Beulah Memorial Hall on Saturday night.

GILBERT and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury" has been declared a great success with about 200 residents packing into the Beulah Memorial Hall to see the performance on Saturday night.

Raising money for the Yarriambiack Chaplaincy Board, committee member Cr Jean Wise said about \$2,000 was raised.

On behalf of president Jean Webster and the committee of the Yarriambiack Chaplaincy Board, we would like to thank the communities of Beulah, Hopetoun and Warracknabeal for their support on Saturday night. Cr Wise said.

Musical acts started the evening, ranging from operatic, Irish ballads, country and western, jazz and blues jazz.

Cr Wise said Beulah residents were

delighted to hear the story of how a musical piece was named "Ben from Beulah" based on the purchase of the German short haired pointer from a Beulah resident, and the ironic timing that the performer only found the music book a week or so before the trip.

After a short break to allow the troupe to set up for the actual performance, the audience spent the next 45 minutes holding their sides in laughter as the artists and actors presented the most hilarious performance of Trial by Jury probably ever seen anywhere.

Talking with members of the crew after the show, Cr Wise said the crew was keen to return to the area in the future and was delighted with the response and the old fashioned country hospitality.

Cr Wise said the crew had never

performed to such a huge crowd saying the supportive audience certainly lifted their performance and they would like to thank all for attending.

With commitments in Melbourne, the crew's visit was short lived with many regretting not having the time to see what the district has to offer, suggesting they would like to make it a full weekend next time. All in all, Cr Wise said everyone agreed that this was a performance to remember.

The Chaplaincy Board thanked "Singularity" for coming out to perform in the region, all the volunteers from Beulah for billeting out some of the performers and the Yarriambiack Shire for the Drought Funding to cover the costs associated with bringing "Singularity" into our midst.