



WAKATIPU WATCH

Big church fair

THE Wakatipu Presbyterian Church, comprising three congregations, hopes to raise about \$14,000 from Saturday's annual fair between 10am-3.30pm at the Lake Hayes Showgrounds. Funds are being raised from a name-your-price garage sale, home-made jams, baking and lollies, a plant store, secondhand books and clothes, and \$2 filled grocery bags. Kiddie entertainment includes two bouncy castles, a crazy bike, horizontal bungee, a clown, juggler, balloon animals and lucky dip. Money raised supports the local X-It Youth Centre and the Queenstown church's free Pasta Café meals during winter.

ARROWTOWN Hall hosts two performances of the *Aladdin And His Lamp* pantomime next month. The pre-Christmas family show is being staged by local group Arrow Entertainers and will feature a cast of all ages. "People aren't used to seeing too many pantos in the area and this will be a great



opportunity for some good, old-fashioned audience interaction," director Marion Patton says. There's an evening performance on November 28 and an afternoon matinee next day. Tickets will be available at the door with "minimal" prices still to be finalised.

Montessori boss named
 BUSINESSMAN Guy Hughes, who opens Queenstown's first Montessori childcare facility on January 11, has appointed a centre director familiar with the teaching method. She's Sue Wilson, former centre director/head teacher of

the Arrowtown Montessori facility, now operated by ABC Learning Centres. The new facility, consented for 20 three- to six-year-olds, is taking enrolments.

Queenstown kindness

JOAN Kierman (left) has spearheaded a local fundraising drive to benefit victims of Samoa's devastating tsunami. Queenstown's Rotary Club raised \$6000 for four shelter boxes - containing essential



Millbrook gig teed up

Tickets for this summer's outdoor concert at Millbrook Resort - headlined by Kiwi music big guns (from left) Bic Runga, Tim Finn and Dave Dobbyn - go on sale next Monday. The February 15 show is part of an 18-gig national winery tour. It comes 10 years after the trio first performed on stage together. Runga's oldest sister Boh and Che Fu - whose performed with former band Supergroove in recent years - also sing on stage during the two-hour show. Earlybird tickets till the end of November are selling for \$70 - a bus/ticket package is also available.

survival gear - during a recent collection at Frankton New World. The money was also matched by Rotary's Lower South Island District, which granted \$1500 for two emergency resource kits plus a further \$7000 in cash.

Calling war veterans
 FINANCIAL entitlements for local war veterans, spouses and their families will be outlined at a public meeting this Sunday. The Returned and Services' Association welfare trust is holding the seminar at Frankton's St Margaret's Church hall from 2pm.



Sister act

GLAM new Queenstown all-girl group the Sequin Sisters make their debut at an invitation-only gig at Gibbston's Winehouse and Kitchen tomorrow. The trio - featuring (from left) Nikki Bodle, Charlotte Graf and Tania Pimm - cover songs from the 1960s and 70s, right through to current pop tunes. Decked out in sequined costumes, the girls put on a fully choreographed show and can cater for everything from weddings and parties to corporate functions and conferences. "Our outfits have been custom-made in the United States and we can't wait to get started," Graf says.