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COMING EVENTS

Sydney Road Street Party - Sunday 5 March 11am to late afternoon

Volunteers needed! This is a great way to connect to the local community, promote coming productions, reach out to potential new members - and have fun at the same time. Front up for an hour or two (outside Sydney Road Community School), indulge in a little street theatre if the mood takes you, or simply smile and chat to all the passersby and hand out information about the theatre company. If you can help at our stall, please contact Karim - phone him on 0412 767 527, or email k.shaker@optusnet.com.au. We need you!

Working bees

Mon 6 & Mon 20 March
from 7pm at St Ambrose Hall
Dawson St, Brunswick

Time for our annual clearout and cleanup, to get the place ready for the year's productions. There are always plenty of jobs to be done - no special skills but lots of enthusiasm required. It's not the glamour side of theatre, but we can't function without the busy workers behind the scenes. Come along, lend a hand, and catch up on what's planned for the rest of the year.

PRODUCTIONS

Hamlet

This was originally scheduled for May, but for personal reasons the director, Steve Gagen has had to postpone the production - now scheduled for early July. For up-to-date information about auditions and rehearsals, watch the website and local newspapers.

Secret Bridesmaids' Business

Our second major production for 2006, this modern Australian comedy will be staged at the Mechanics Institute in mid October. Director Karim Shaker is planning a 13-week rehearsal period, and is looking for an assistant director who can provide a female perspective on some of the issues central to this very entertaining play. This is a great opportunity to get some directing experience and pick up tips from a very experienced director. To find out more, contact Karim: ph 0412 767 526 or email k.shaker@optusnet.com.au.

IT'S TIME!!

Yes, that's right. All memberships are due for renewal on 28 February. Please complete the accompanying membership form (if you're an existing member, you only need to fill in Part A) and return it with your payment (cheque or money order) to:

**Moreland Theatre Company Inc.
PO Box 117, Moreland 3058.**

Remember that you must be a financial member of the company to take part in productions and workshops and to receive discounts on tickets to our shows - not to mention voting at the AGM (see notice next page) or nominating for a position on the committee of management.



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All material for publication in the Moreland Theatre Company News should be marked for the attention of the Editor, and sent to the Moreland Theatre Company PO Box address shown below. Articles may also be emailed directly to secretary@moreland.org.au, or faxed to 9354 1301. Any photos or drawings will also be gratefully accepted.

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Next Committee Meeting

Wednesday 15 March 2006 at 8pm
21 Harrison Street, Brunswick East

All members welcome. Please advise (by phone or email, as above) if you plan to attend the meeting.

ALWAYS WANTED TO RUN THE SHOW?

Here's another way to contribute to the theatre company: join the committee of management. It only takes a few hours a month, and you get the chance to share in decision making about productions, venues, social activities, workshops, funding applications, promotional campaigns, membership fees - all the varied issues that the management committee deals with. People with ideas and initiative are always needed, as well as those willing to follow through and make things happen. If you'd like to know more, you can: contact Tony (ph 9386 0264) or Glenys (ph 9386 0048), or email secretary@moreland.org.au.

And, for an obligation-free trial, why not come along to a meeting (see bottom left for details). It's a perfect time to try it on for size, because there's only a couple of months left before the AGM (see notice below), when all committee positions come up for re-election. Come on! It's your big chance to take a leading role!

Hellooo? Is anybody out there?

Following last year's very successful season of one-act plays, we're keen to do some more towards the end of this year. If you'd like to try your hand at directing, or want to suggest a favourite play for us to consider, please let us know.

Or are you a budding playwright, with an unpublished gem just waiting for the right director and actors to bring it to life? We love to encourage local talent, so give us a call. We're already thinking about our production schedule for 2007, so don't wait too long. Remember - there's more than one way to be a star in community theatre.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Moreland Theatre Company Inc. will be held on Wednesday, 3 May (venue to be advised).

The business of the meeting will be:

1. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
2. Reports from the President and Treasurer, and the Auditor's Report on the financial statements of the Company for the 2005 calendar year
3. Election of office-bearers to the Board of Management: President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary and Ordinary Members
4. Any other business that has been properly notified to members prior to the meeting.

Note: only financial members of the Company are eligible to vote or to stand for office at the Annual General Meeting.