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## AUDITIONS FOR HAMLET

Yes, it's all happening! Director Steve Gagen has scheduled auditions for our next production, Hamlet, on Thursday 30 March. The auditions will be held in St Ambrose's Hall, Dawson Street, Brunswick (between the library and the railway line, and opposite the baths), starting at 8pm. No need to prepare anything - just come along on the night and be ready to enjoy yourself! For more information, contact Steve Gagen on mobile 0401 009 097, or email him at gagen@imagisol.com.

Rehearsals will begin the following week (Monday and Thursday) at St Ambrose, and the production will be staged at the Mechanics Institute Performing Arts Centre (corner Sydney Road and Glenlyon Road) in early July. And remember, even if you don't get the part you wanted, there are lots of other key roles backstage to be filled - costumes and props management, publicity, sound and lighting, front of house people, and so on. All of our productions are a team effort, and we acknowledge everyone's contribution, not just the "stars" of the show. If you'd love to help, but don't see yourself as a performer, contact Glenys Lewis on 9386 0048 to discuss other ways you can put your skills to use.

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## Recent activities

For the stalwarts who turned up, resplendent in our new white-on-black Moreland Theatre Company T-shirts, the **Sydney Road Street Party** was a great way to get our message out to the local community. There's always a lot of interest in our upcoming productions: numerous people left their email addresses so they could be kept informed of other events and activities, and lots more took copies of our brochures (thanks to Tony). Special thanks to Karim for setting up and taking charge for the day, and to all the others who helped out.

Thanks also to those (mostly the same people) who pitched in to help clean out the storeroom at St Ambrose's Hall on a couple of recent Monday nights. Our **working bees** are an essential part of our activities - without them, we'd have no room to move, and no idea where to find the props and costumes we need for the next production. The productions may be the public face of the company, but they wouldn't be possible without the enthusiasm and dedication of those prepared to get their hands dirty to make sure the whole place keeps on running. We now have a clean storeroom - and the photographic evidence to prove it. Just ask Karim!

### Community raffle books

now available. Every ticket sold puts money in our coffers and funds more theatre for Moreland. How many can YOU sell? Contact Kath (ph 9354 1301) for your books - only 10 tickets per book, at \$2.00 each, very easy to sell, and a chance for some great prizes. Yours could be the lucky one. Hurry while stocks last!



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## Next Committee Meeting

Wednesday 12 April 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.

## IT'S PARTY TIME!!

Tracey Tucker is celebrating,  
and you're all invited --  
Saturday 15 April, from 8pm  
at 15A Bennie Street, Brunswick  
(off Victoria Street, just east of  
Sydney Road)  
BYO drinks & a few munchies  
Children of all ages welcome --  
adults too.  
Come and join the fun!!



**Reminder:** memberships are now due for renewal - unless you only joined the company during production of Amore, in which case your membership remains current for the whole of 2006. It only costs \$30 (\$15 conc.), and you get the chance to take part in productions and workshops; you also receive regular newsletters, and discounted tickets to all our productions, plus the chance to contribute to the vibrant arts scene in Moreland. Send your completed renewal form (included with the previous newsletter) with your payment to Moreland Theatre Company Inc., PO Box 117, Moreland 3058.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Moreland Theatre Company Inc. will be held on Wednesday, 3 May at 8pm at Satay Anika, 140 Lygon Street, Brunswick East (between Piera and O'Connor Streets, just south of Glenlyon Road). Join us for dinner (optional) at 7pm if you wish - great Malaysian food! RSVP to Tony (ph 9386 0264, or email tonydimi@bigpond.com, by Monday 1 May if coming to dinner before the meeting.

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.