

# Anne of Green Gables has new home

## ENTERTAINMENT

THE Highlands Theatre Group's season of 'Anne of Green Gables' is back on the region's entertainment program.

The group was forced to postpone the production following notification for Wingecarribee Shire Council on October 24 that the venue for the show, Mittagong Playhouse, was to be shut down due to safety concerns.

The notification from Wingecarribee Shire Council came only a day before the show was set to open.

The sudden closure of the

premises also meant that sets, costumes, technical equipment and personal items were unable to be retrieved from the theatre.

It also resulted in the need to refund about 1200 tickets over the weekend.

However, emergency talks October 25 and 26 have resulted in good news for the future of the local production.

HTG president Steve Cheers said that through the kindness and co-operation of Chevalier College 'Anne of Green Gables' would now proceed.

He said that five performances had been confirmed from November 21-24 at Chevalier's new 'Performing Arts Centre' in Burradoo.

Mr Cheers said the Highlands Theatre Group was humbled and grateful for the outpouring of public sentiment that had been expressed and offered as a result of the unfortunate circumstances.

He said that hundreds of messages of support had been offered from all quarters of the Southern Highlands community.

"We affirm the decision

to place public safety as the number one priority, and hope that positive outcomes may yet emerge from this scenario," he said.

"With dozens of offers of help extended and gratefully received, The Highlands Theatre Group simply asks the community to get behind and attend this wonderful production.

"This will assist in limiting the financial losses inevitably suffered by the group."

Tickets for the November performances can be obtained from [www.htg.org.au](http://www.htg.org.au).



The Anne of Green Gables cast is looking forward to getting their show on stage at new premises. Photo supplied