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Club's flood recovery

CRICKET: Eleven months ago it resembled a war zone more than a clubhouse.

But Souths Cricket Club will finally step out of the shadow of January's floods when it officially opens its new clubhouse on Saturday morning.

Club patron and Queensland Premier Anna Bligh will be on hand to open the building, which was totally gutted and rebuilt after floodwaters cut a swathe through the club's Fairfield headquarters.

It has been a long and exhaustive

process to get the proud club back on its feet, but committee member Peter Bertram said the countless hours of hard work had paid off – and then some.

Bertram is a director at architecture firm Mode Design, which donated the design work for the new building, and said the new clubhouse was a vast improvement on the previous site.

"We've got much more space internally as far as the players' area goes and the canteen is a lot more functional," he said.

"The facilities for the players are better. Security-wise we've improved that side of it as well. There are a lot of little things we have been able to improve.

"We're rapt with the fact we've gone from nothing to being better off than where we were before the floods, in some respects. To design it with a semi-clean slate has been good."

First grade player and committee member Rhys Yorke said the players were now focused on performing on the field.



TOP SPOT: Rhys Yorke with Peter Bertram and Kerry Heilbronn.

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