

Who was Ron Read?

Ron was a former president of the Elaine Recreation Reserve Community Asset Committee and had spent over 30 years working to maintain and improve the reserve for the benefit of the community.

In 1997 Ron initiated the first of many “working bees” to restore the reserve (which was then an abandoned paddock) to a functioning recreation reserve for the benefit of the Elaine community.

Through Ron’s work, old trees and bracken were removed to enhance the reserve and he worked tirelessly to obtain funding to install a BBQ area that is enjoyed today.

Ron also received a donated cubby house from Meredith Neighbourhood House in 2007 that was installed in a dedicated children’s play area for the enjoyment of families. He was also pivotal in upgrading the Elaine Cricket Pavilion Kitchen in 2013. This was a significant upgrade inclusive of oven and refrigerator purchase.

Ron was also a key player in upgrading the Viewing Window for the Tennis club rooms. The three air conditioners in the Tennis Club and Cricket pavilion were from successful grant applications lead by Ron.

Ron was well known and loved by the Elaine community and was a highly respected member of the town. He was known to volunteer his time to many local causes.

Ron sadly passed away on the 6 September 2021.