

## Congratulations

Mary Mills, Brotherhood volunteer aged 83, has won the Leader Newspapers, Telecom and The Advance Australian Community Services Award for April.

Many 'ACTION' readers will have received a receipt or acknowledgement sent by Mary, who has been a volunteer with the Brotherhood since 1948.

She still works each Monday at the Brotherhood and at the Mission to Streets and Lanes, also in Fitzroy.

## An Inner City Retreat

The garden at Millott House, the Brotherhood's boarding house for older people in Fitzroy has become an inner, inner-city retreat for some of the residents. Jack Bell, a self-confessed fresh air fanatic, says he and other residents often just sit and enjoy it. "It's lovely on a summer's day", says Jack.

It is also beautiful in winter and was set-down by Ken Pound, the Supervisor at Millott House. There is a mixture of ferns and greenery in one corner, and in another section daphne, wallflowers and yellow daisies are side by side.

Ken believes that Millott House is distinct from other boarding houses, and not simply because of the garden.

"People can come and live here and do what they like. There are no



hassles from landlords and less opportunities for conflicts. They know there's always someone available if a crisis arises or for anyone in need, but generally they look after themselves.

"People here also have the freedom of becoming social. They have the communal billiard rooms and the garden. A lot of the residents are just starting to get enjoyment out of the garden now," says Ken.

Nancy Ireland has been helping Ken to care for the garden. She

*Jack Bell and Nancy Ireland enjoy the garden at Millott House.*

pointed out the carnation she got from her uncle's grave which is thriving and the violet that was moved from her previous home two years ago and is still going strong. While she worked in the garden Nancy talked about her mother who particularly liked wallflowers; perhaps the garden keeps Nancy's memories thriving, along with the carnation and violets she has planted there.

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