

# Aiming to restore garden's glory

## Garden trashed for speaking out



**VANDALS:** Yesterday's report in *The Saturday Mercury*.

By **TIM MARTAIN**

VANDALS may have ruined Neil Smith's front garden, but with help from a garden centre he plans to restore it to its former glory in no time.

Mr Smith spoke out in *The Mercury* last week about the high level of vandalism in his area around Barry St, Glenorchy.

But after his comments, Mr Smith was targeted by vandals who tore up his flower beds.

After reading of the mindless destruction, New Town Station Nursery proprietor Greg Kerin gave Mr Smith some potted pansies and a \$100 gift voucher to help restore his garden glory.

"It's obvious that this gentleman puts a lot of effort into his garden and is very disappointed it was vandalised," Mr Kerin said.

"I think from a community point of view it's really disappointing when this sort of thing happens. People take a lot of pride in their gardening."

A grateful Mr Smith said people used to stop their cars and take photos of his front garden.

"I was pretty proud of it and everyone else was too," he said.

He has deliberately left the wreckage of his flower beds sitting in the street as an example.



**HELPING HAND:** New Town Station Nursery proprietor Greg Kerin gives Neil Smith some plants. Picture: RAOUL KOCHANOWSKI