



Plaque honours garden owners

THE generosity of gardeners Reg and Elaine Smith has been recognised by the charity that has benefited from the couple's open garden days for the past 16 years.

Redkite Victoria Events co-ordinator Giovina Cicchitti and Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund Victoria chairman Robert Dagleish visited the Smiths' Earimil Gardens last week to present a plaque recognising their support.

Mr Cicchitti said the open days had brought enjoyment to visitors while raising more than \$255,500 for Redkite and Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children in Australia and \$680,000 in total for needy Victorian children.

Mrs Smith said it was through trial and error that she and her husband created an award-winning garden that each year helps Redkite meet the ever-increasing needs of children and young

people with cancer and their families.

Since 1993, the couple have opened Earimil Gardens in Mt Eliza at weekends during October and November. Mrs Smith said Earimil was one of the most visited gardens in Australia.



Generous: Reg and Elaine Smith with Rob Dagleish