



**MEMORIAL:** Sculptor Craig Andrae with child abuse survivor Priscilla Taylor at the site of the planned memorial honouring Forgotten Australians. Picture: Roy Van Der Vegt WBL01377

## Tribute for abuse victims

A MEMORIAL honouring the Forgotten Australians will be built in North Adelaide this year.

The City Council last month approved plans for the \$60,000 memorial, in parklands next to the Women's and Children's Hospital, in tribute to 500,000 people who suffered abuse while living in State or church-run institutions up to the late 1970s.

Sculptor **Craig Andrae's** design of four stainless steel daisies, between 3.5 to 6.5m tall, opening their petals to

the sun was chosen for the memorial.

**Priscilla Taylor**, 57, a Forgotten Australian, said the design reflected the ability for a victim to mature through their abusive childhoods and "blossom".

Mrs Taylor was taken away from her parents as a two year old and placed in foster care, where she endured sexual, physical and verbal abuse at the hands of her carers for more than a decade.

"I won't give these per-

petrators a day more of my life," she says.

"I think I have been able to open up and blossom."

Mrs Taylor says she is one of the "lucky ones" who is still alive to see the memorial erected.

**The Memorial Working Party is still looking for donations to help pay for the sculpture. For more information contact Priscilla Taylor on 8293 8385 or Robyn Sutherland at Uniting Care Wesley on 8202 5160.**