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The great planting day is over and despite a disappointing turn out of members and some minuscule plants it can be considered a success. 71 people came, Rob de Castella among them, and some people came back to help on Sunday, Tina and Erika (a new member) coming Monday as well to put in the last of the grasses. All in time for that wonderful rain on Tuesday.

Rob will be running a leg of the Torch Relay in Phillip on Wednesday 6th September between 6 and 7pm. The torch will be in Weston, Waramanga, Fisher and Kambah that afternoon.

Claire and Anna have adopted a part of the Ridge to caretake, as has Erika. Would anyone like to volunteer to keep the verbascum down on the Olympic site? Our normal August activity will be a working walk along the new trail made in conjunction with the Chapman Primary School. Please bring a hand tool suitable for digging up weeds.

The oats are starting to grow! Can you and anyone else you can persuade, pull a few each time you go on the Ridge?

A reminder to caretakers to let me have your hours at the end of the month and a note of what you have been doing.

Statistics for July:

Hours	On Ridge	163.30
	Off Ridge	41
	Total	204.30
Herbaceous weeds pulled or sprayed		16500
Woody weeds cut & sprayed or dug		87
Trees and shrubs planted		79
Herbaceous plants planted		0
Grasses planted		191

Dates to Remember:

Sunday 20th August

Guinness Place Gate 1.30pm

Mondays, Fridays or weekends - phone to see where we are and join us.

Cheers

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