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Spring has arrived, preceded by yet more pandemic lockdowns. Fortunately, we had Tokyo's Olympic Games to distract us. As we get older, we understand the sentiment of the founder of the Modern Olympics, Baron Pierre de Coubertin "The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part".

We admired, if a little envious of, the composure, the devotion to training, and the maturity of our brilliant young swimmers, such as Emma McKeon with seven medals and the modest, world beating 20-year-old Ariane Titmus. The young never cease to amaze us!

It makes us question life. What makes a perfect retirement village? Is it independent living? Is it the location? Is it not-for-profit? Is it the need for security or companionship? Or is it quite simply a reflection of the spirit and hopes of the people who founded it?

As foreshadowed last year, our Founding Chairman Andrew Grimwade plans to retire at Beolite's AGM in October 2021. During the past 20 years, his enthusiasm, energy, and humour have enabled Beolite to become an exceptional not-for-profit retirement village.

He will be succeeded as Chairman by distinguished lawyer and present Deputy Chairman Tony Williams, who was a Founding Director of Beolite. He will be supported by two experienced Deputies, Meredith Warren and Noel Willaton. Mark Henry continues as Hon. Treasurer, with Mandy Treasure as Hon. Assistant Treasurer. Lily Kennedy remains as Beolite's Administration Manager, with Lyn Wright as the Residents Services Manager, Andrew Stephens in Landscaping, and Danny Oliver attending to maintenance issues.

In breaking news, the Mansfield Shire Council has approved Beolite's Planning Permit for the next 15 years. It will allow Beolite to meet the demand for up to 62 more independent living homes. It will contribute more than \$25 million to Mansfield's economy. So, please welcome new residents Alain and Francoise Fleurus who moved into Smada Crescent bringing our total residents to 72.

Residents should soon benefit from the sealing of the Alpine Civil walking track around the Harry Hearn Park and Beolite's Lake, and from the sealing of the new pathway with handrails linking Smada Crescent to the Scobie & Claire Mackinnon Community Centre.

On a lighter note, have you ever wondered where our street names come from? What about the remarkable lives of Scobie & Claire Mackinnon (she was a Hollywood film star) whose names are honoured by Beolite's Community Centre? How did Helen Macpherson Smith get buried as a pauper on foreign soils and yet has a "Drive" named after her? What about the modest philanthropist behind Collie Court and the Harry Hearn Park? Have you ever thought about the high-flying Bundjil or the mysterious Smada Crescent?

Enjoy the first blossoms of Spring, for every day is a gift.

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