

Out of Africa

Over the past few months we've been hearing good things about a couple of lifestyle villages in Albany. Demand for homes in these villages is huge so we swung by Settlers Albany to meet the CEO of Premier Lifestyle Villages – the man out of Africa, Terry Middlemost.

There's a tenable culture of quality and style at Settlers Albany, Fairview Lifestyle Village and Fairview Care Hospital and Terry's been the man behind that culture since he was appointed to the role of CEO just under a year ago. He certainly has the background for it.

Terry trained as a chef and completed his National Diploma in Hotel & Hospitality Management at South Devon College in the UK; that's the college where the Ritz, Savoy and Fortnum & Mason hire their graduates. When Terry graduated, the call of the wild was too strong to resist. He returned home to Zimbabwe and climbed the corporate ladder of hotels and hospitality into senior management roles in award-winning luxury safari lodges.

When he and his wife moved to New Zealand with their children it was for lifestyle reasons. He became the Regional Manager of Lend Lease Corporation and their group of retirement villages. That's when the penny dropped.

"I thought instead of just paying lip service to the term 'lifestyle', why shouldn't retirement villages have the same culture of quality and deliver the same level of customer service as the world's finest hotels?"

So when Terry met David McFarlane and Scott Vernon, local owners of Premier Lifestyle Villages, with their vision to create something unique in retirement villages, the rest, as they say, is history.

In his first 12 months on the job Terry has overseen the completion of Settlers new Joseph and Kaipatiki apartment buildings. He took us on a tour and wow! Overlooking Albany's Kell Park and native bush reserve, these homes are the last opportunity to buy new in this stunning village.

"While views over the water and bush may not feature Victoria Falls or the amazing wildlife of the Zambezi National Park, they also don't carry the risk of a bout of malaria," laughs Terry.

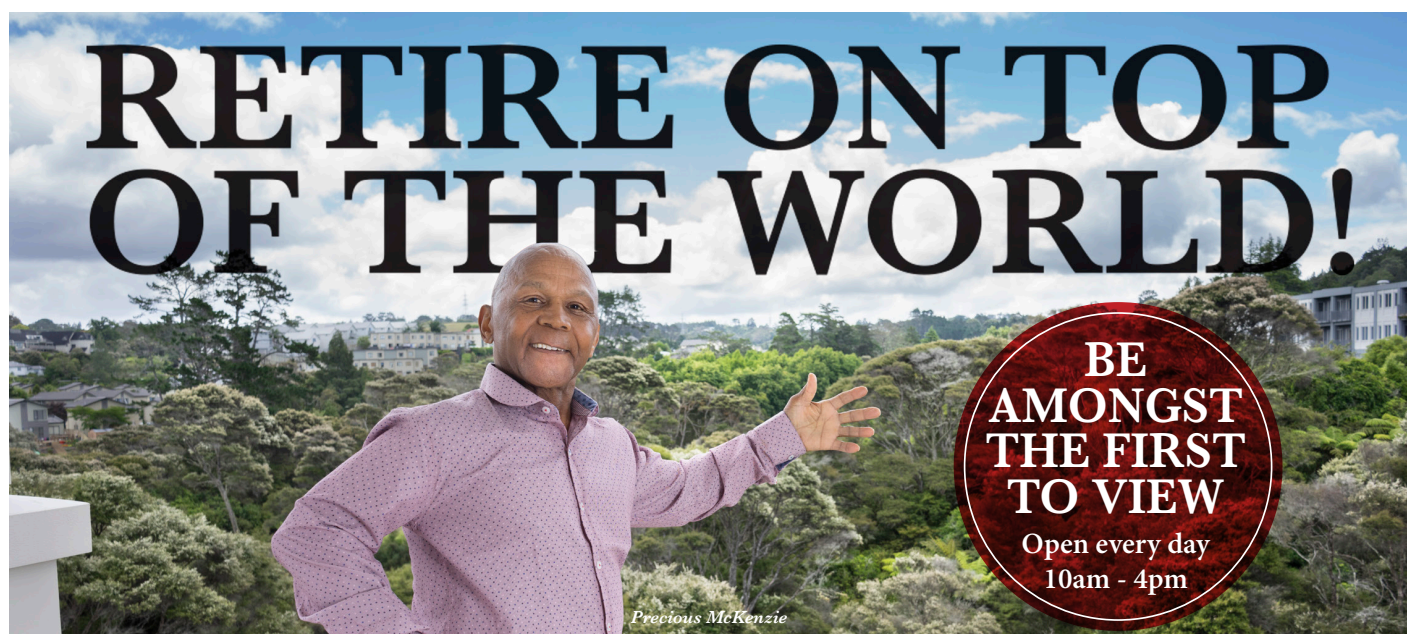
Put it like that and we reckon those bush views accompanied by Settlers superb services and facilities are as good as retirement living gets.



Terry Middlemost, Premier Lifestyle Villages group CEO.

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