

From Amsterdam to a Kumeu Chicken Farm

When Angela and Rinus van Winden set out from Holland 50 years ago looking for adventure, they never dreamed they'd end up raising a family on a chicken farm in Kumeu.

This enterprising couple who describe themselves as 'Dutch Kiwis' immigrated to New Zealand in search of a life that offered more opportunity than their native Holland at the time. "We were young and all we wanted was an adventure and to own our own home," says Angela.

"That's true," laughs Rinus. "And we got those all right running a serious 50,000 bird operation at Kumeu raising poultry for Table Talk and Tegel for many years."

They worked hard in their adopted country, built a home, raised a family, enjoyed active roles in the community and eventually decided they'd earned another adventure. "We'd done too much work," says Angela. "There's life out there!"

The couple sold their poultry business to pursue other interests including their passion for travel.

And travel they have! Overland from Hong Kong through Russia to Europe, trekking in Nepal, cycling through Vietnam, kayaking around Tonga, railroading across Alaska, Canada and South America, river

boating and barging in Europe and sailing the North Sea on a schooner.

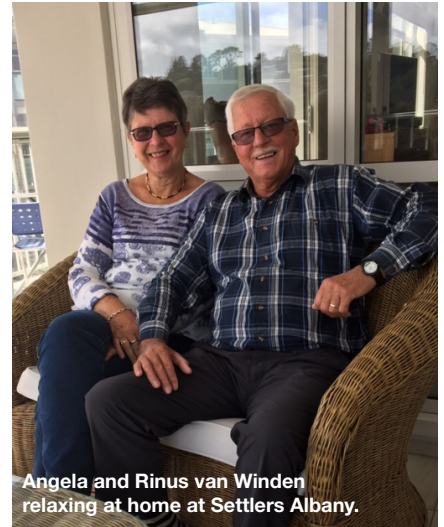
"And cycling... always lot's of cycling!" adds Rinus.

Their love of travel is one of the reasons Rinus & Angela chose to live at Settlers Albany. They can lock up and take off knowing that when they return everything will be exactly as they left it.

This is a couple that had done their homework on lifestyle villages, and even intended to build their own at one stage. They say Settlers Albany was a standout. It offered the style and build quality they wanted, along with wonderful bush views, bird life, a lively community and a brilliant location.

Both Angela and Rinus retain their connection with Huapai - Kumeu, where Rinus is involved with Lions and chairs the local Community Centre committee. As Rinus points out, "It's a journey that's just a short motorway drive away!"

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Angela and Rinus van Winden relaxing at home at Settlers Albany.



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A large group of people, including children and adults, are sitting around a round table outdoors. They are enjoying a meal and drinks. In the foreground, a man is wearing a black apron with a yellow sign that says "DANGER MEN COOKING". The background shows a modern building with balconies and some trees.

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