To be beside the seaside

They already had beautiful oceanfront views, but the owners of this house wanted a garden that would draw them outside, writes Jennifer Veerhuis

With stunning uninterrupted oceanfront views, the owners of this Freshwater house really enjoyed where they lived but felt more could be done with the garden.

Positioned on the roof of their garage, it wasn't much more than a patch of grass, so the family of four called in director of Landart Landscapes, Matt Leacy.

"The owners wanted something that took them from the inside to the outside," Matt says. "It was about designing the small space that they had and making it feel like there was a lot more going on."

The garden also needed to operate in a variety of ways.

Matt says the owners have corporate events they wanted to be able to cater for on site.

"But when they're not doing that it's all about the family enjoying the outdoors," he says.

"They wanted the option to get out there and sit in the space, feel

PLANT SELECTION

Frangipani
A slow growing tropical tree with white and yellow scented flowers.

Miscanthus
A drought tolerant ornamental grass with African and East Asian origins.

Casuarina
Tough Australian native plant with fine strands of cascading foliage.

Agave
Native to Mexico and southwest US, a succulent with strong, fleshy leaves.

Tree aloe
Native to Africa, an architectural succulent that flowers in winter.