



Above left: The Warmington SN1100 Outdoor from Fires by Design is an outdoor firebox that comes with trays and a grill for cooking. This fire also features a gas flare so the fire is easy to start.

Above right: Fires by Design exclusively uses Warmington fires. As well as supplying outdoor wood and gas fires, the company's extensive range includes open wood and slow combustion fires, cookers and gas fires.

An outdoor fireplace ensures the garden can be enjoyed on cool summer evenings and in winter. Fires by Design supplied a Warmington Fires SN1100 Outdoor open fire with a gas flare and cooking facilities.

Owen Braddock of Fires by Design says customised components were needed to ensure the fire would fit the space available. These were manufactured in the Warmington factory.

"Some exposed parts were manufactured in stainless steel to withstand the coastal environment," he says. "And a copper cowl was required for the chimney top, so it would be in

keeping with other copper work on the house."

The fire comes with trays and a grill that can be positioned above the fire for cooking.

"To make the fire easy to start, the gas flare provides a large flame at the side of the firebox, which works for around 10 to 12 minutes until the wood is lit," says Braddock.

Fires By Design is New Zealand owned and operated, with qualified engineers who can offer design and manufacturing support, and a network of approved installers.

All fires are designed and built for New Zealand's climate and coastal conditions.

The success of any landscape is dependent on the plant selection – the suitability of the species and the quality of the actual specimens. Ground preparation and installation are also important to ensure success in the long term.

Natures Creation was contracted to provide the soft landscaping for the Omaha project. The company, which operates its own plant nursery, liaised with the owners and landscape architect on the supply of plants that would withstand the coastal conditions, including the salt-laden wind. The plants also needed to provide privacy and screening, and create an attractive entry.

Plants supplied by Natures Creation include mondo grass for a low-maintenance ground cover, bromeliads for year-round colour, ficus Tuffy for hedging within a confined root environment, and kentia palms, which provide a subtropical look. Other plants were chosen for their fragrance.

Director Matthew Lees says Landforme Ltd, an associate company, carried out the garden installation.

"Being able to help with the design of a landscape and then implement the work gives clients the best possible result," he says.

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Above: Natures Creation supplied plants from its own nursery for the Omaha landscape project. The company also helped with plant selection. This pathway is lined with mondo grass, red-leaved bromeliads and xxxxxx. The installation was carried out by Landforme, an associate company.