

Pohara Family Bach

LOCATION: GOLDEN BAY, NEW ZEALAND

The client's brief was to provide a modest, relaxed family holiday home, connected to its site and providing seamless indoor/outdoor living spaces.

Sitting on an elevated terrace between the rata-clad bluffs that frame the entrance to Pohara valley, this house reflects the horizontal strata of the weathered limestone outcrops.

Garden box fingers stretch out from the house connecting it to its site and providing separation of outdoor spaces and casual seating to the edge of the decks. Slatted canopies provide shade and transitional shelter between the main living pavilion and the outside. A lantern roof over the living area gives a light and airy grace to the space. A tall corner window looks past the gnarled trunk of a wind-swept gum to the vista of the bay.

A weathered zinc-clad double-sided gas fire locates the heart of the house, the fireplace breast work doubling as storage for entertainment systems and board games.

Facilities have been kept minimal and functional with emphasis placed on the living spaces. Large glazed sliding walls allow the house to expand into the outdoor setting creating a generous yet relaxed holiday environment by the sea.