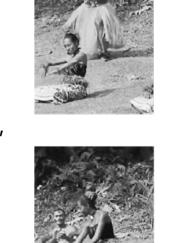


The design concept is inspired by the traditional Fijian meke dance, a cultural practice that embodies celebration, welcome, community, and tradition. By capturing and abstracting the dance movements through long-exposure photographs, we shaped the site's structures, translating the fluid gestures of meke into dynamic spatial forms.











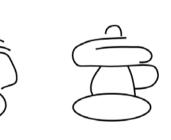


















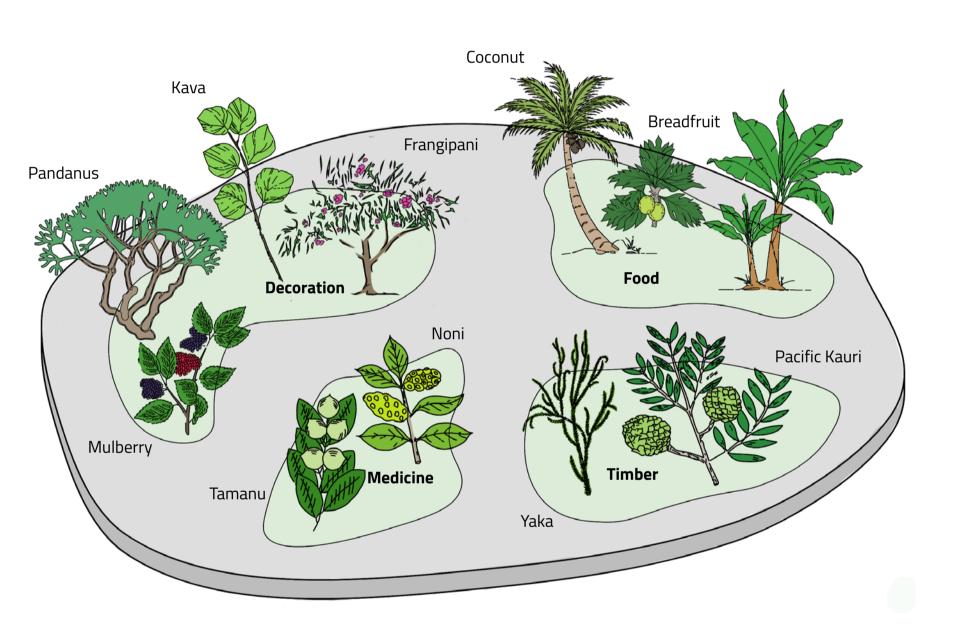




A place for pause and connection: Gathering space below the lookout

The plant materials are selected to support traditional practices as well as local ecology and ongoing maintenance of the site. These locally sourced species include a mix of native and productive plants chosen for their value in providing timber, food, fibre, medicine, and materials for ceremonial purposes.

- Pacific Kauri (timber)
- Yaka (timber)
- Coconut (fibre, food)
- Breadfruit (food)
- Banana (food)
- Pandanus (used to make Iri)
- Mulberry tree (used to make Tapa cloth)
- Frangipani (used in decorations)
- Kava (used for ceremony, beverage)
- Tamanu (medicine)
- Noni (medicine)





Community use and gathering around a rainwater harvesting structure



Meke Nexus beneath the feet: View of the site from the top of the lookout