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Half Moon Bay

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The chosen suburb is Black Rock, focusing on Half Moon Bay. Half Moon Bay is a calm, gentle and shallow beach. As the name suggests, the little inlet is deeply curved into a half moon crescent shape and the surrounding Red Bluff cliffs make it a particularly sheltered beach for little kids. There are a few bright beach huts, a surf life-saving club (with public restrooms), and the Black Rock Yachting Club, as well as the restaurant Cerberus Beach House, which has stunning views of the bay, especially at sunset. Depending on time of the day you visit there will be a different feelings and experience.

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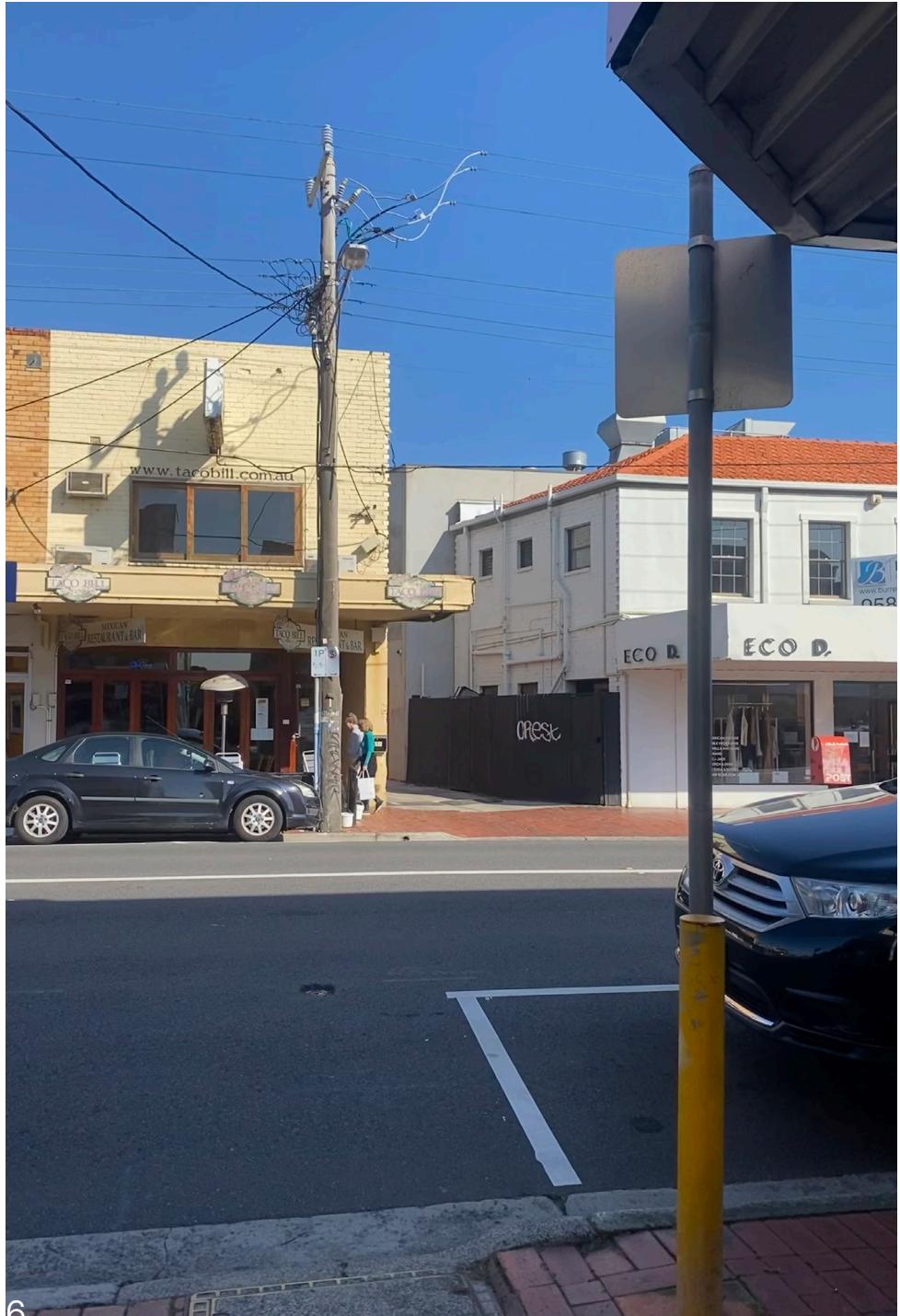


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While strolling around Black Rock, I noticed a number of people at the cafe eating outside and chatting. There were also people who were jogging or walking their dogs.







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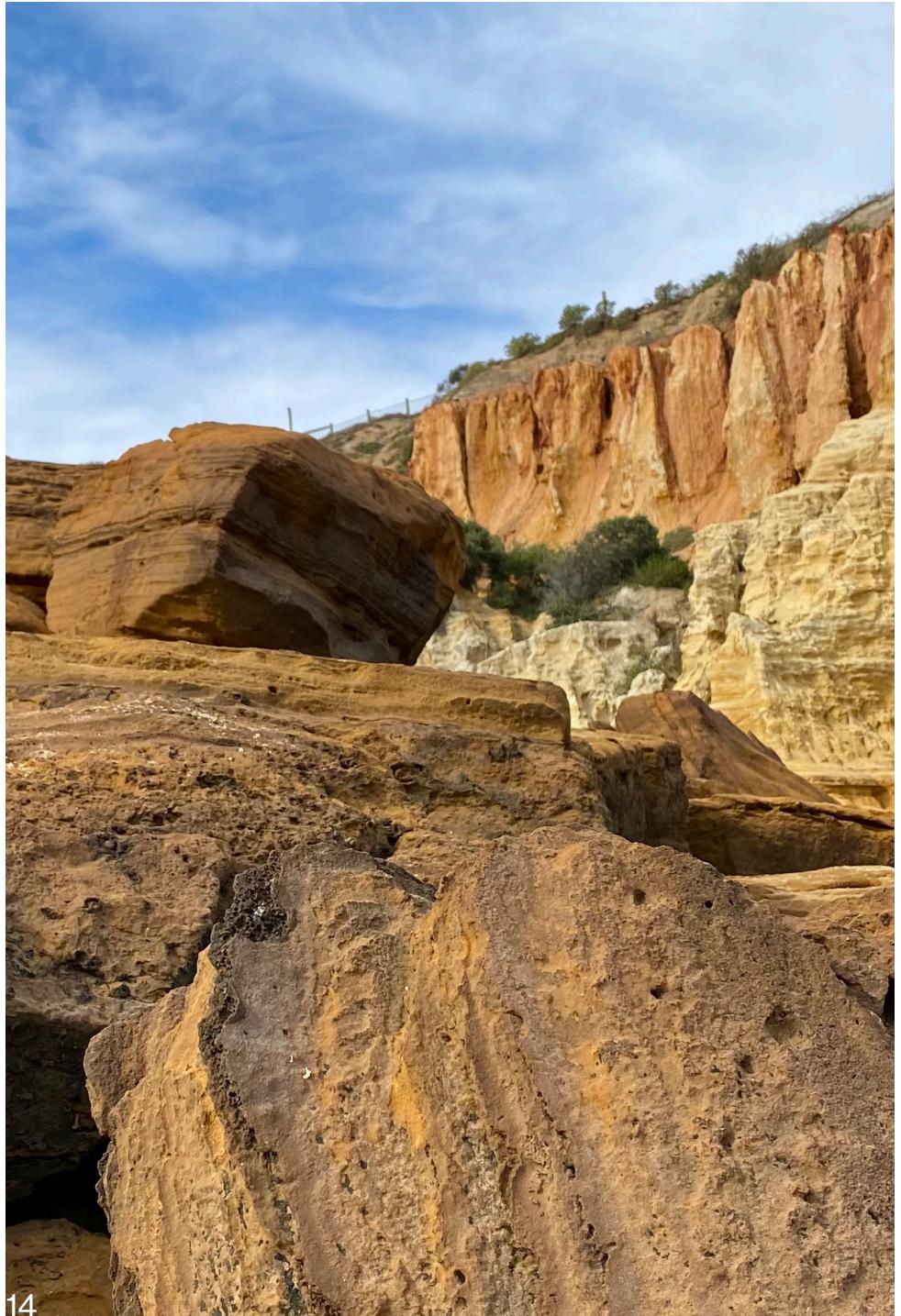
I visited on a random Autumn Monday, where the weather was not the greatest, making the sky very gloomy. However, I had a fantastic day since listening to the quiet waves breaking against the rocks was so serene and comforting.

I could smell the sea salt from the ocean as I walked down the beach. It had a nostalgic scent because the beach is my happy place. When the ocean water splashes on my face, I get a salty and unpleasant taste.

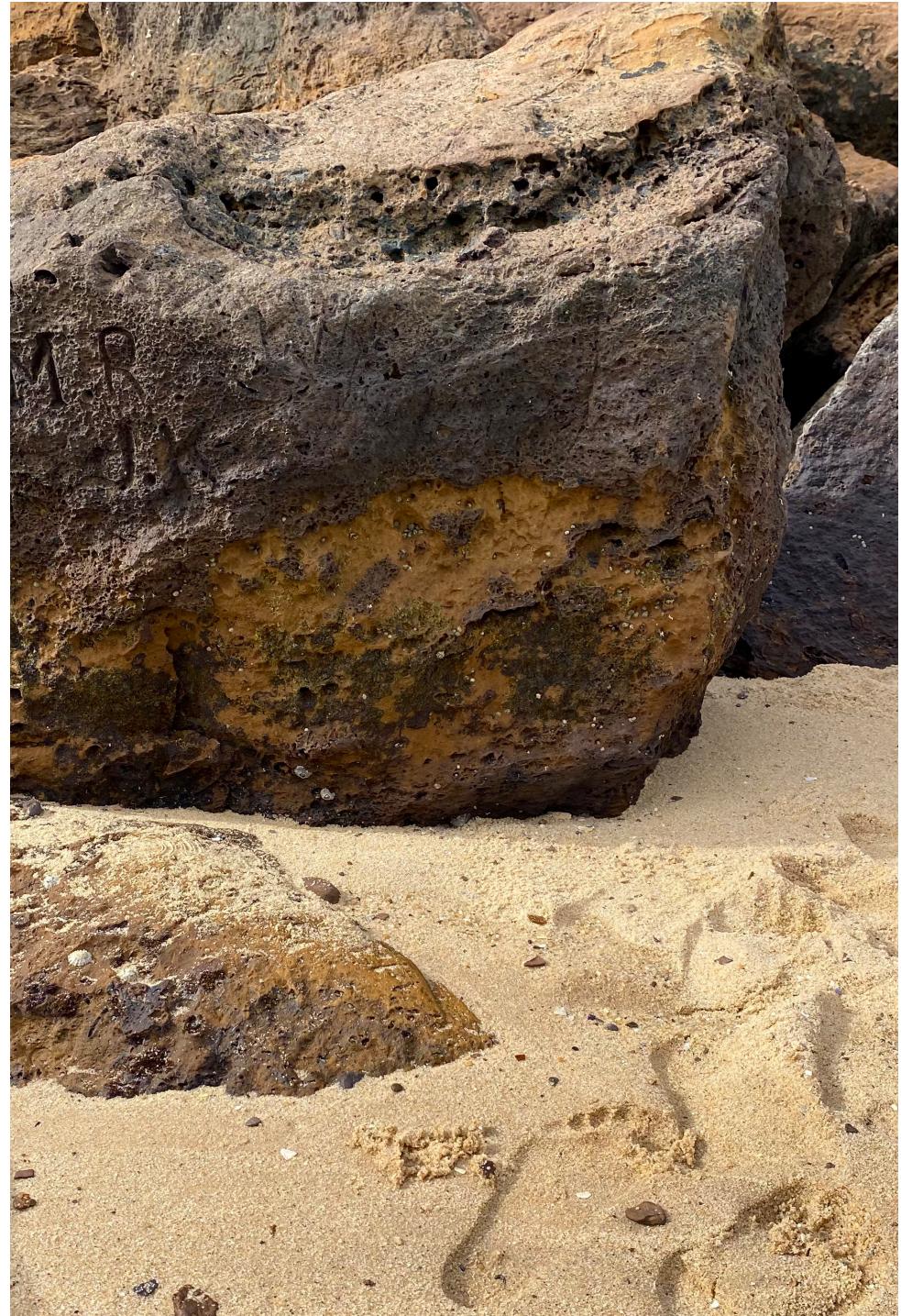
There were a lot of signage around to notify people where the bins were or to warn them to stay away from the cliffs because they are dangerous. The signage was minimal, with only a silhouette image and sans serif typography, making it legible. I appreciate how the beach signage is both simple and effective.

Despite the fact that it was simply a normal day, there were a few people climbing the Red Bluff cliffs and admiring the scenery. People were walking their dogs down the waves and playing fetch; I enjoyed watching how happy the dogs were.





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Emotions & Personality



On the day I visited, Half Moon Bay had a peaceful and calm atmosphere. It was a quiet day because there weren't many people around, which made it more soothing and was able to appreciate the silence while focusing on the waves crashing against the rocks and the smell of the ocean. Even though the sun wasn't shining, it made me feel at ease and brightened my day.

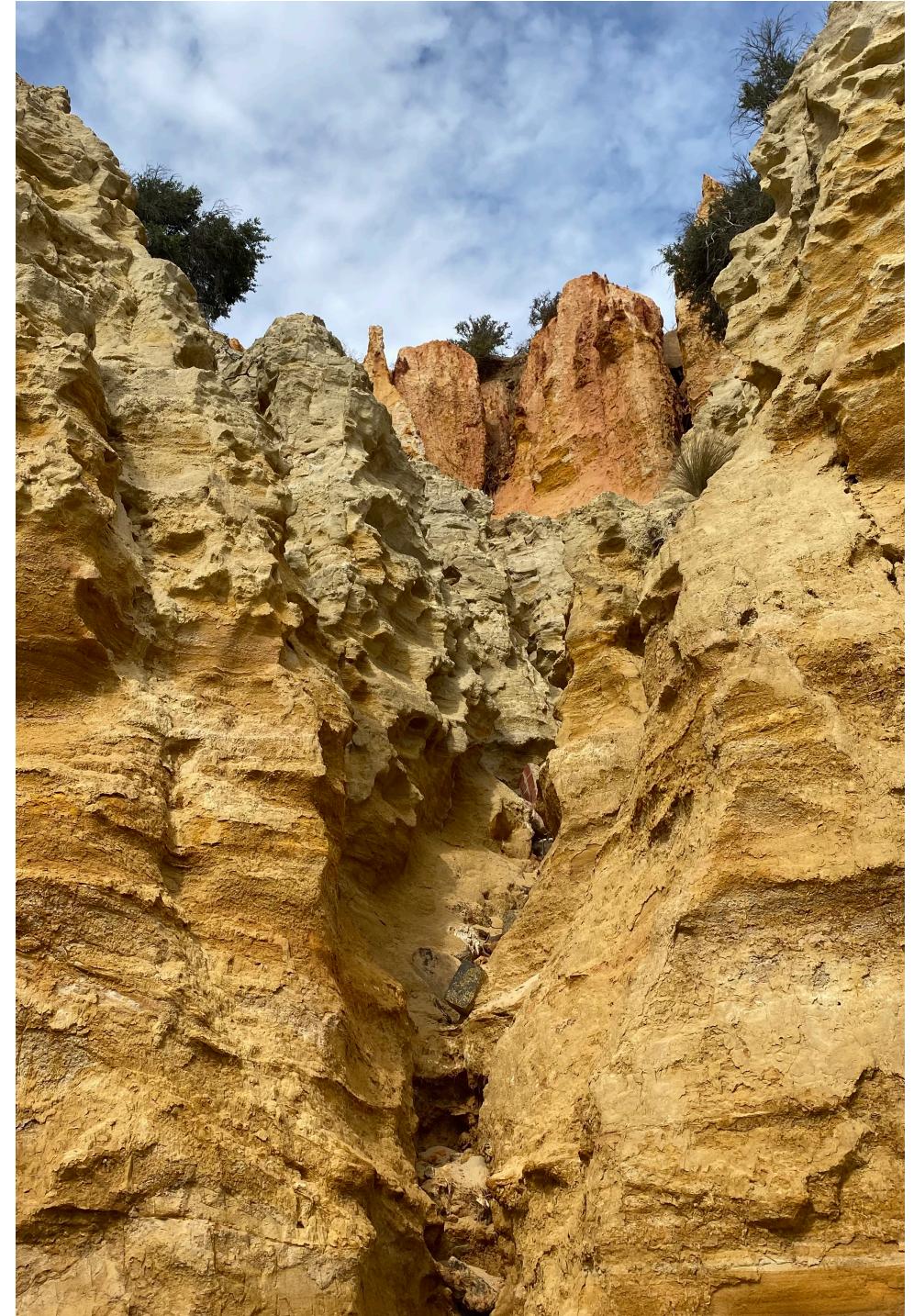


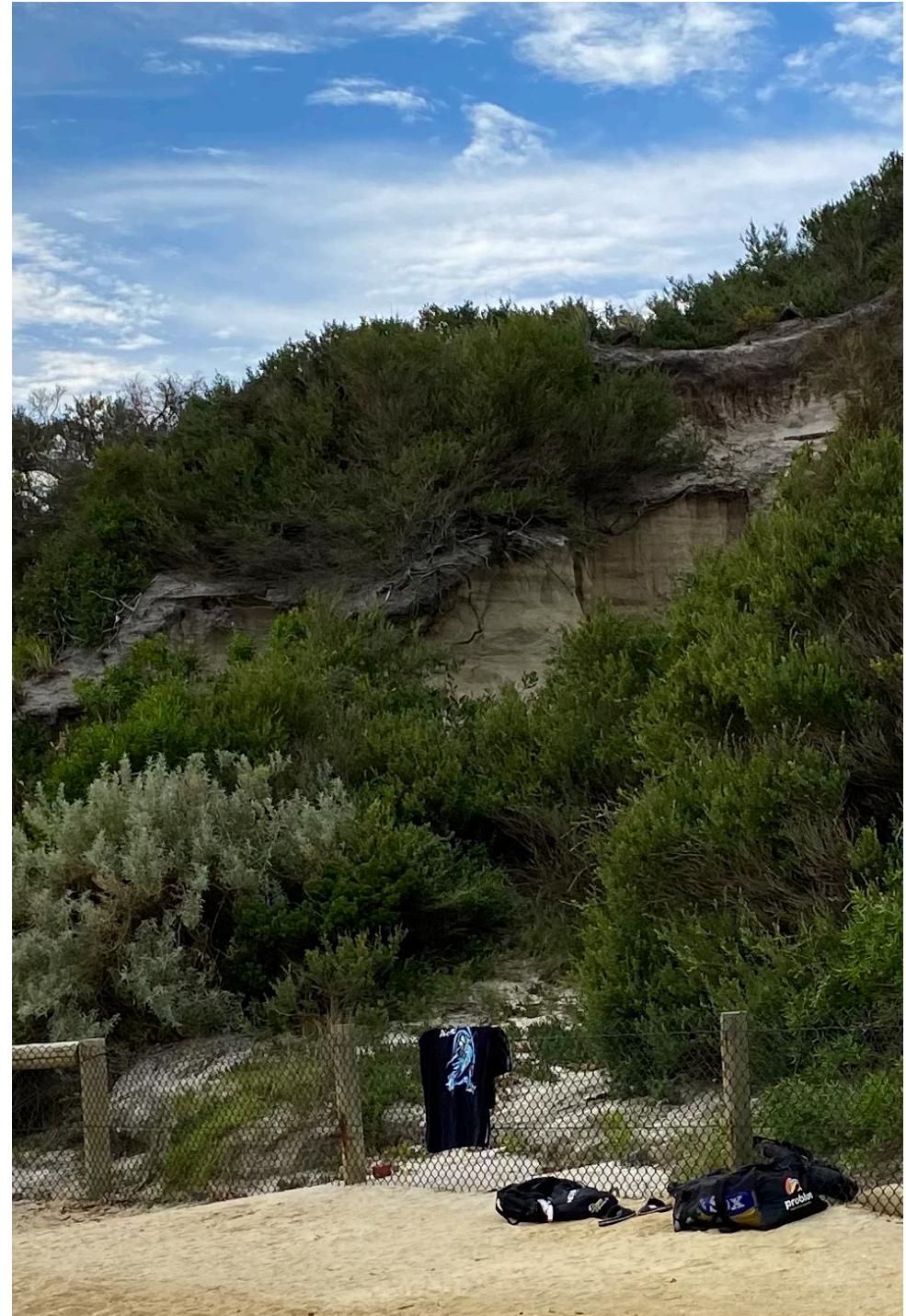
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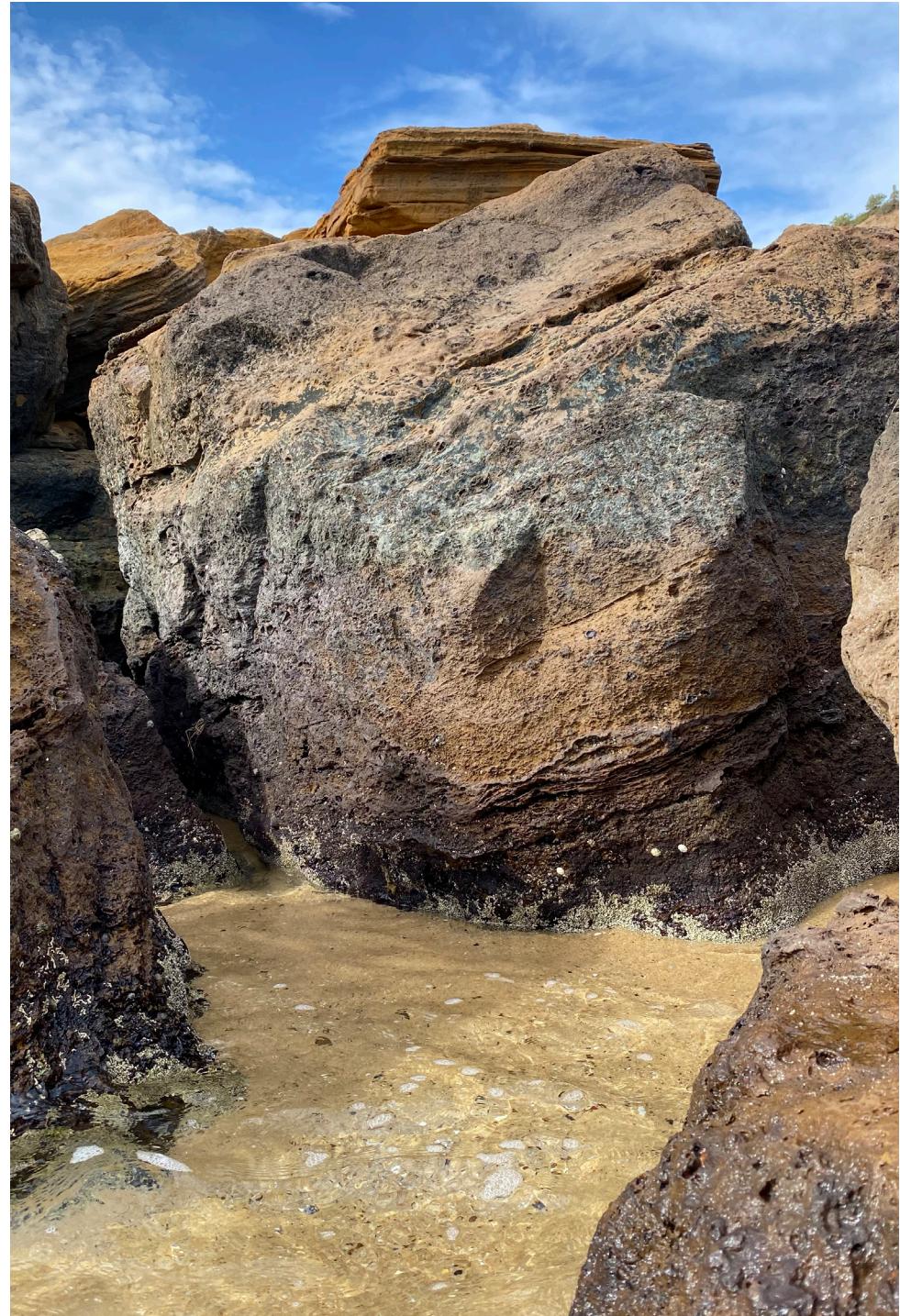
Colour

On a sunny day, Half Moon Bay has a bright colourful warm colour palette made up of yellows and blues. However, the day I went was cloudy, resulting in a more grey and muted colour palette. Greys, dark blue, and light blue from the sky make up this palette. The warmth colour palette may also be seen on sands and Red Bluff cliff, which is warm yellow with orange brown from rocks.





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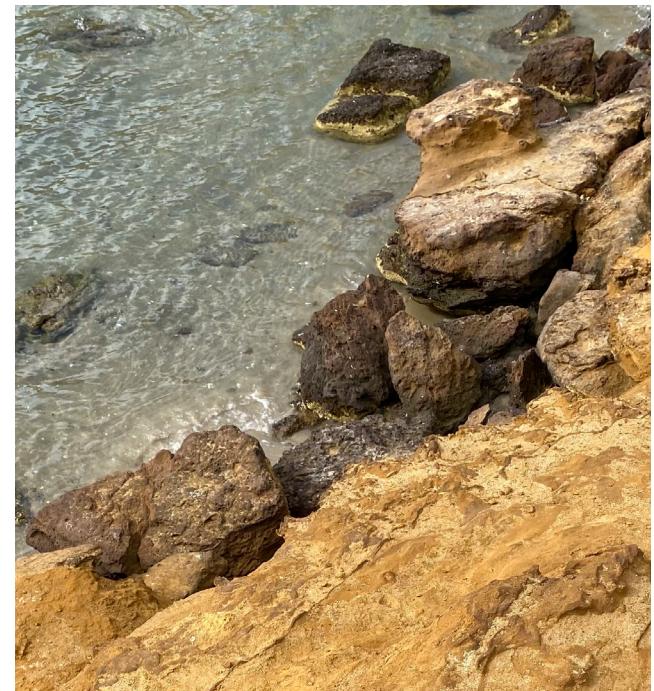


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Half Moon Bay is a natural outdoor scene with a range of textures. The rain had broken down the rock textures on the Red Bluff bluff and the rocks in the ocean, making each one look unique. Sand is another example because it is small and has small rocks and shells in it, making each sandy area unique.

