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Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2026

Property Address: 61 Tindale Rd, Artarmon NSW 2064, Australia

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A report may be conditional on information provided by the person, agents or employees of the person requesting the report, apparent concealment of possible defects and a range of other factors

The following apply: This report does not comment on common areas.
This report is based on the condition of the property at the time of inspection. We strongly recommend re-inspection 30 days after this report is issued as the general condition of the property is likely to have changed, including the extent of defects described and instance of potential undetected defects.

Section A Results of Inspection - summary

A summary of your inspection is outlined below; please also refer to the Report.

	Found	Not Found
Safety Hazard	✔	
Major Defect	✔	
Minor Defect	✔	
Live Timber Pest Activity		✔
Timber Pest Damage		✔
Conditions Conducive to Timber Pest Activity	✔	
Evidence of fungal decay activity and/or damage		✔
Evidence of wood borer activity and/or damage	✔	
Evidence of a previous termite management program	✔	

Overall Condition (Building)

In summary, the building, compared to others of similar age and construction is in fair condition with some major and minor defects found.

Overall Condition (Timber Pest)

In summary, the building, compared to others of similar age and construction is highly susceptible to timber pests. A termite treatment is required.

Section B General

General description of the property

Building Type	Detached, Residential
Company or Strata title	No
Floor	Brick Stumps or Piers, Part Slab and Part Subfloor, Suspended Timber Frame
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	4
Occupied	Occupied
Orientation	West
Other Building Elements	Driveway, Retaining Walls
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Fascias, Landscaping Timbers and Construction, Doors, Door Frames, Architraves, Internal Joinery, Floating Floor, Window Frames, Skirting Boards
Roof	Pitched, Tiled, Timber Framed
Storeys	Double
Walls	Cavity Brick
Weather	Fine

Section C Accessibility

Areas Inspected

The following areas were inspected. As documented in your Pre-Inspection Agreement, obstructions and limitations to the accessible areas for inspection are to be expected in any inspection. Refer also to our listing of obstructions and limitations.

- Exterior

- Interior

The inspection excludes areas which are affected by obstructions, where access is limited or unsafe. We do not move obstructions and defects, timber pest activity or conditions conducive to these may not be obvious unless they are removed.

Inaccessible Areas

The following areas were inaccessible:

- Exterior Roof Surface - Second Storey.

- Subfloor - Part.

- Roof Void due to lack of access.

Any areas which are inaccessible at the time of inspection present a high risk for undetected defects and timber pest activity and conditions conducive to these. The client is advised to make inaccessible areas accessible wherever possible for re-inspection.

Obstructions and Limitations

Building defects, termite and timber pest activity as well as conditions conducive to both, may be concealed by the following obstructions which prevented full inspection:

- Ceiling linings

- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection

- Appliances and equipment

- Above safe working height

- Evidence of recently painted walls or ceilings

- External concrete or paving

- External finished ground level

- Decking

- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry

- Furniture

- Insulation

- Stored items, built in cabinetry, furniture and personal items obscured approximately 50% of every room.

- Subfloor was obscured due to poor clearance and obstructions. Less than 75% of the inspectable area was accessible.

- Vegetation

The presence of obstructions increases the risk of undetected building defects, timber pest activity and conditions conducive to these. The client should make arrangement to remove obstructions where ever possible and re-inspect these areas urgently.

Undetected defect risk (Building)

A risk rating is provided to help you understand the degree to which accessibility issues and the presence of obstructions have limited the scope of the inspection

The risk of undetected defects is: **High**

When the risk of undetected defects is medium or high we strongly recommend further inspection once access is provided or if the obstruction can be removed. Contact us for further advice.

Undetected defect risk (Timber Pest)

A risk rating is provided to help you understand the degree to which accessibility issues and the presence of obstructions have limited the scope of the inspection

The risk of undetected defects is: **High**

When the risk of undetected defects is medium or high we strongly recommend further inspection once access is provided or if the obstruction can be removed. Contact us for further advice.

Section D Significant Items

Safety Hazard

Finding 1.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Balcony
Finding:	Loose handrail — Fall from heights
Information:	The handrail was lacking appropriate support and fixing to the adjacent wall or floor at the time of inspection.
	The handrail was further loose and moving upon minimal force applied with hand.
	These handrails pose a risk and persons coming in contact may fall from heights if these handrails fail, thus causing sever injury.
	A licensed builder must be appointed as soon as possible to rectify any non-compliance.

Major Defect

Finding 2.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Concrete - Cancer
Information:	Concrete cancer is the common term used to describe a number of factors which cause concrete construction to deteriorate. Generally, water penetration causes the concrete reinforcement to rust and expand, creating stresses on the surrounding concrete and in turn causing it to spall (or break away). Alternatively, if the cement component is too alkaline, reactions with the general atmosphere occurs and star-shaped cracks appear which allow rainwater to penetrate. Concrete cancer may also

originate from poor original water proofing.

In some instances, repairs are possible; however, repair works will generally involve extensive works, including removal of affected concrete and the treatment or replacement of any exposed steel. Some injection of resins or special mortars may also be possible, however this depends on the size and extent of consequent damage.

Ultimately, the cause of the concrete cancer (e.g. poor water proofing) must also be addressed, otherwise the problem is likely to recur. Treatment of concrete cancer can be expensive and, left unmanaged, the problem is likely to worsen over time, potentially leading to the development of major structural defects or safety hazards.

The client is advised to exercise caution and to prepare for the potential cost of remedial and / or replacement works. A structural engineer should be appointed to provide estimates on the required works.

Minor Defect

Finding 3.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bedroom 2
Finding:	Ceiling - Water stained
Information:	Water staining to ceiling linings in this area was evident at the time of inspection. Water staining indicates that surfaces have been exposed to excessive moisture over time. The minerals and other elements in the water lead to staining, which may graduate to corrosion and deterioration if left unmanaged.

While mostly an appearance defect, water staining can be indicative of more serious defects, which may be currently concealed by interior ceilings.

Where water staining is active, a licensed plumber must be consulted to identify the cause of the staining and to provide advice on any reparation works that may be

required. Replacement of any damaged structures is advised.

Conversely, where water staining is old and inactive, affected building materials may be repaired or replaced at client discretion.

Finding 3.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Extension
Finding:	Incomplete or substandard works
Information:	The works to this area appear to be incomplete or have been completed to a substandard level.

Works that have not been completed to a satisfactory level create potential for the development of building defects and may impede on the safety and integrity of the overall structure.

It is highly recommended that the relevant trades be appointed to complete these works and ensure the safety of the area and the longevity of all associated building elements.

Finding 3.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Yard - LHS
Finding:	Stormwater drain - Damaged
Information:	The roof plumbing is not adequately connected to stormwater drainage on the site. This disconnection negatively impacts the functional capacity of the roof plumbing.

Where roof plumbing doesn't drain adequately, the area at the base perimeter can become excessively damp, potentially creating an environment that is susceptible to rust and corrosion of surrounding building elements, as well as attracting termites and other pests.

It is highly recommended that a plumber be appointed to further inspect the area and to install adequate drainage equipment where necessary.

Finding 3.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - left side
Finding:	Brickwork and Mortar - Deteriorated (Erosion)
Information:	The brickwork and mortar in this area was found to be deteriorated. Mortar, or `bedding`, is the material which fills joins and intersections between bricks in masonry walls and structures.

Commonly referred to as corrosion or erosion, the bricks and mortar are aged and likely to have been affected by a variety of factors, including moisture, salt-based deterioration, and more.

Mortar and brickwork should be replaced to ensure the structure remains in their intended location and to prevent gaps, which would allow water or moisture ingress and secondary damage as a result.

This can be addressed by a licensed bricklayer where areas of deterioration are localised and easily accessible.

Finding 3.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Multiple areas
Finding:	Paint cracking and peeling
Information:	Cracking and ultimately flaking of paint can occur for a variety of reasons. Often these failures are due to the fact that the paint has inadequate adhesion and flexibility, both common problems with lower quality exterior flat paints.

When timber is involved, moisture intrusion results in swelling of the wood surface followed by contraction as the wood dries. The expansion and contraction cycles, can result in cracking and subsequent paint failure by flaking and peeling.

Cracking and flaking can also result when paint is applied too thinly due to overspreading (higher-than-recommended spread rate) or excessive thinning. These practices tend to diminish the paint's final film thickness, so that it is more vulnerable to cracking and flaking.

Inadequate surface preparation can also cause these failures, especially when paint is applied to bare wood or a very porous surface without first applying a primer.

A qualified painter should be appointed to rectify the problem.

Finding 3.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Multiple areas
Finding:	Plumbing - Point of connection non-compliant
Information:	At the time of inspection it was noted that connections between above ground pipe work and below ground sewer/storm water systems were incomplete.

At the point of connection, the connection should be sealed against vermin and debris entering the sewer / storm water system. The sealing method depends upon the age and type of the pipe work being connected.

Additionally, where sewer pipes are concerned, gases can escape from unsealed connections which can pose a serious health risk.

Engagement of a certified plumber is strongly recommended to ensure all connection points are sealed in accordance with the plumbing construction guidelines.

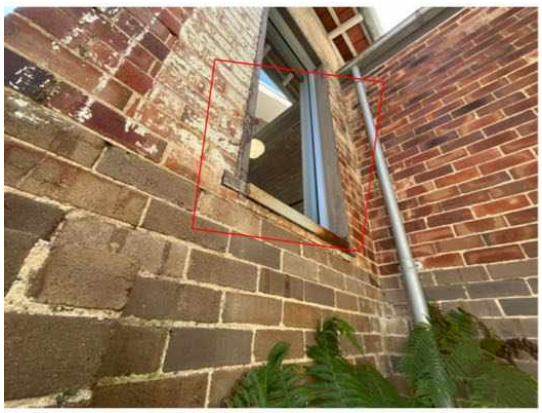
Finding 3.07

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Walls
Finding:	External painting deteriorated
Information:	The external paintwork to multiple external areas have been neglected and require attention to prepare and re-paint.

Whilst incomplete or missing paint finish is generally an appearance defect, it can also lead to the development of secondary building defects over time. Incomplete areas of paint finish expose the area to moisture, potentially accelerating the deterioration of underlying building materials.

Degraded paint finishes should be sanded back, filled, leveled and painted, as applicable. Where inadequate or missing paint protection has led to the deterioration of the associated building element, repair and/or replacement of this building element may be required.

A painting contractor should be appointed as soon as possible to perform necessary works to aid the appearance of the affected area and to ensure the area is protected against further deterioration. Alternatively, the homeowner following manufacturer instructions may perform these works.



Finding 3.08

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Fencing
Finding:	Fencing - Deteriorated
Information:	It was noted at the time of inspection that sections of the fencing in this area has deteriorated. Typically fencing deteriorates due to age and or wear, rot and or rust which is generally expected for a structure of this age, due to prolonged exposure to weather conditions. Sometimes inadequate installation or maintenance can be to blame. If left unattended, it is likely that further damage will occur. It is suspected that repair of several elements of the fencing may be required however replacement may be a consideration of the client also. A licensed fencing contractor should be appointed to provide further advice and perform rectification works as necessary.

Finding 3.09

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Subfloor
Finding:	Stored timbers - subfloor space or external area
Information:	The storing of timbers in the subfloor space or around the external property increases the risk of termite activity being present. As they are likely to come into contact with weather conditions or excessive moisture wood rot is likely to develop on timbers that are not treated. It is highly recommended that any stored timbers be immediately removed from areas in which they may attract any termite / timber pest attack. Minimisation of risk / prevention of termite attack is far more adequate than dealing with the presence of termite activity.

Finding 3.10

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Trees - Overhanging and filling gutters
Information:	Overhanging trees often result in excessive amounts of leaf debris accumulating in gutters.

Gutters are a critical part of the building's management of storm water and rain. It is therefore important that they be kept clear to prevent secondary damage to associated building elements, including exterior and interior walls, ceiling linings and any adjoining building elements. Where gutters are blocked, pooling of rainwater is likely to occur, fast-tracking rust and corrosion of the roof plumbing elements.

It is highly advised that all overhanging tree branches be removed as soon as possible to prevent any further damage. Repair and/or replacement of sections of damaged guttering may also be required where the extent of the damage necessitates.

Such works should be performed by the homeowner; however, appointment of a landscape contractor or an arborist may be required. Consultation with a licensed roof plumber is required where guttering has been damaged.

Finding 3.11

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Multiple areas of plumbing
Finding:	Roof plumbing - Rusted or corroded
Information:	The roof plumbing has areas of rust and corrosion. It is suspected that this has been caused by blockages, resulting in pooling or standing water, that have prematurely rusted elements of the roof plumbing.

Rusted roof plumbing will generally develop holes and leaks that can affect other building elements with poor drainage of storm water. Poorly drained roof areas will also lead to damp conditions surrounding the base perimeter of the building which, if left unmanaged, can lead to a range of secondary building defects.

Repair and/or replacement of rusted roof plumbing is highly required in order to reinstate the roof drainage system to a fully operational level. To further maintain these areas, gutters should be cleaned frequently, allowing the avoidance of any partial blockages.

A licensed plumber or specialist roof restoration company should be appointed to undertake these works. It is advised that such works be completed as soon as possible to prevent any further damage and deterioration.

Finding 3.12

Building: Main Building

Location: Rear Elevation

Finding: Roof plumbing - Missing

Information: Some sections of the roof are not adequately drained via gutters and downpipes. Gutters and downpipes that are not installed adequately are likely to result in excessively damp conditions against the exterior surfaces and around the base perimeter of the building.

Excessive moisture creates an environment which accelerates the deterioration of building elements in the area, as well as being conducive to termite and pest infestation. Such an environment is likely to necessitate repair and/or replacement of building elements, which are prone to sustaining wood rot, rust or corrosion.

A roofing plumber should be appointed as soon as possible to install relevant roof plumbing materials. Depending on the extent of the damage, repair and/or replacement of damaged building elements may be required.

Finding 3.13

Building: Main Building

Location: All Wet Areas

Finding: Sealant and grouting - Missing or damaged

Information:

It was noted on inspection that sealant or grout is degraded to this area.

Different materials and floor areas move at different rates, generally causing cracking to grout or sealant at this point. A flexible sealant is required to allow for expected expansion and contraction, while keeping the joint water tight and protective of all associated building materials.

Flexible and mould resistant materials should be applied to affected areas to prevent any subsequent water damage that is likely to occur. Regular maintenance and replacement of damage or missing or damaged sealant and grout is highly recommended to the wet areas, as this is a regular wear and tear defect. Sealant and grouting in areas that come into regular contact with water should be maintained for the long term care of your property.

A sealant specialist should be appointed to complete these works as soon as possible.

Finding 3.14

Building: Main Building

Location: Subfloor

Finding: Piers - Leaning

Information: Pier to the subfloor structure is leaning, indicating that its structural integrity may have been affected. The cause of this instability is likely to be caused by movement / minor subsidence of the pier due to moisture.

Although only minor the pier should be monitored to avoid potential structural damage, which is likely to lead to a range of major and minor defects. Improving site drainage is recommended to avoid further movement / subsidence of the affected pier.

If further movement is evident appointment of a structural engineer is advised to assess the condition of the piers and provide advice on remedial works that may be required.

Finding 3.15

Building: Main Building

Location: Bathroom

Finding: Building element - Rusted or corroded

Information: This building element shows evidence of rusting and corrosion, which is likely to have developed as a result of excessive exposure to moisture and or inadequate coatings.

As surface rust provides no protection to the underlying iron, the deteriorating condition is likely to worsen if not addressed in the short-term future.

A licensed plumber be appointed to replace the wash basin.

Finding 3.16

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Multiple areas
Finding:	Paint cracking and peeling
Information:	Cracking and ultimately flaking of paint can occur for a variety of reasons. Often these failures are due to the fact that the paint has inadequate adhesion and flexibility, both common problems with lower quality exterior flat paints.

When timber is involved, moisture intrusion results in swelling of the wood surface followed by contraction as the wood dries. The expansion and contraction cycles, can result in cracking and subsequent paint failure by flaking and peeling.

Cracking and flaking can also result when paint is applied too thinly due to overspreading (higher-than-recommended spread rate) or excessive thinning. These practices tend to diminish the paint's final film thickness, so that it is more vulnerable to cracking and flaking.

Inadequate surface preparation can also cause these failures, especially when paint is applied to bare wood or a very porous surface without first applying a primer.

A qualified painter should be appointed to rectify the problem.

Finding 3.17

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Shower downstairs
Finding:	Exhaust fan - Not operating
Information:	The exhaust fan in this area appears to be damaged or blocked and is not operating as intended. If left unmanaged, a lack of general maintenance is likely to lead to the development of more significant defects, such as water damage to surrounding building materials from inadequate ventilation. If left unattended for a prolonged period of time, poor ventilation in this area may also be conducive to the development of mould. Where no secondary damage has developed, the Homeowner may undertake minor cleaning of the area and consider replacement of the exhaust fan. Alternatively, consultation with a Licensed Electrician is required to check for any secondary or concealed damage and consider repair or replacement. Please be advised that a cabinet maker or qualified carpenter may also be required if water damage has occurred and that an additional specialist mould inspection may be required if severe mould has resulted.

Finding 3.18

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Hallway
Finding:	Building element - Missing
Information:	Although some building elements may seem irrelevant or unnecessary, all building elements play a key role in the operation and function of the overall structure and its performance. Replacement of any missing building element should be conducted as soon as possible to ensure that no damage or functional issues occur to associated building materials. The appropriate tradesperson should be appointed as soon as possible to replace the missing building element.

Finding 3.19

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Multiple areas
Finding:	Door - Striker plate misaligned
Information:	The striker plate to this door appears to have become misaligned and has consequently resulted in the door's operation being compromised.

This is a common defect and is expected in a property of this age, whether being due to substandard installation or general deterioration of the door hardware.

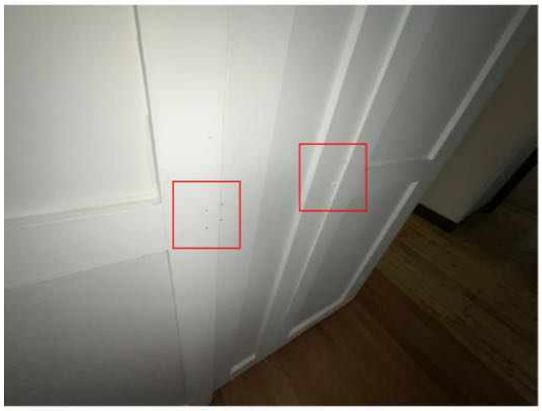
Readjustment of the striker plate is recommended at client discretion. Works such as these can be completed by a general handyman or qualified carpenter.

Finding 3.20

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Linen cupboard
Finding:	Door - Broken handle
Information:	The door handle in this area was found to be broken at the time of inspection. Breakage occurs generally when the building materials have aged and decayed, but may be indicative of impact damage (accidental or deliberate).

Repair and/or replacement of the broken door handle is advised to improve the operational state of the associated door.

A qualified carpenter or general handyman should be appointed to repair/replace the door handle at the client's discretion.



Live Timber Pest Activity

No evidence was found

Timber Pest Damage

No evidence was found

Conditions Conducive to Timber Pest Activity

Finding 6.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Granny flat exterior walls - left side
Finding:	Bridging of termite barrier
Information:	Bridging of termite barriers occurs when termites bridge (usually by building a mud tunnel) a termite barrier or inspection zone or where termites have a passage allowing them to bridge the barrier. Generally this takes the form of finished ground levels external paving or concrete being retrospectively installed above the damp course level the adjacent internal floor level or weep and ventilation holes. Where bridging has occurred full inspection is prevented and termites may enter a property in a concealed or undetectable manner.

Finding 6.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Yard - LHS
Finding:	Stormwater drain - Damaged
Information:	The roof plumbing is not adequately connected to stormwater drainage on the site. This disconnection negatively impacts the functional capacity of the roof plumbing. Where roof plumbing doesn't drain adequately, the area at the base perimeter can become excessively damp, potentially creating an environment that is susceptible to

rust and corrosion of surrounding building elements, as well as attracting termites and other pests.

It is highly recommended that a plumber be appointed to further inspect the area and to install adequate drainage equipment where necessary.

Finding 6.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Main house
Finding:	Termite Management System - no evidence of installation
Information:	The application of a post-construction chemical termite barrier is highly recommended for all properties, particularly if live termite activity has been found on the site previously. Such barriers are highly effective in preventing termite attack on any timber building elements throughout the property.

A durable notice should be placed in the switchboard unit to indicate current termite barriers. At the time of inspection, it appeared as though no termite management system has been installed, with no evidence to suggest preventative works taking place.

The client may consider gaining further advice from a pest controller as to the costs and procedures involved with this application. It is recommended that obtaining such advice be a short-term priority.

Finding 6.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Fencing & Landscaping
Finding:	Building materials in direct ground contact - conducive to termites
Information:	Where timber elements are in direct contact with the ground and consequently moisture or dampness they become conducive to termite activity. Whether timber is used as a building element part of a fencing structure or stored as an unused item they can provide an environment that is attractive to termite infestation.

When met with excessive moisture timber begins to decay and develop wood rot. Any timbers that are in direct contact with external grounds especially if left untreated or non-durable also provide ingress for subterranean termites into that particular element.

The removal of any such materials that may be conducive to termite activity should be removed as soon as possible to minimise the risk of termite attack.

Finding 6.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	
Finding:	Surrounding bushland - Conducive
Information:	Home and or building is situated in a high risk area for termite activity, due to close proximity to surrounding bushland.

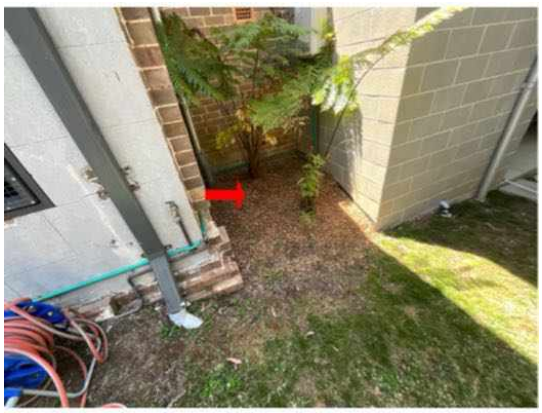
Finding 6.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Vegetation
Finding:	Vegetation - Abutting property
Information:	Vegetation against external wall may have an invasive root system. If there are weak points in the brick work or concrete slab, it is possible for the roots to gain entry into these areas. Once the roots have gained entry, it is possible for termites to gain

concealed entry via these roots. It is recommended to remove the vegetation and root system where possible.

Finding 6.07

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Garden beds
Finding:	Garden Beds
Information:	Garden beds were found to be evident in the garden area. These garden beds can include untreated timber, and with a combination of moisutre from watering hosing can make conditions conducive to termite activity and termite ingress.



Finding 6.08

Building:	Main Building
Location:	External tap
Finding:	Tap - No drain
Information:	The external tap in this area was noted to have no drain at the time of inspection.

This keeps the surrounding surfaces damp while using the tap, which becomes conducive to termite activity.

A licensed plumber must be appointed to ensure an appropriate drain is installed.

Finding 6.09

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Void
Finding:	Gravity-Fed HWS - Disconnected
Information:	It was noted at the time of inspection that a disconnected gravity-fed hot water system (HWS) remains in this area.

Despite this plumbing structure being unused, it is likely to be storing residual water, and is therefore susceptible to rust and corrosion. If allowed to continue, rust and corrosion is likely to lead to damage to adjoining building elements, and may also make the area susceptible to termite or timber pest activity.

While it is a costly exercise to remove the disused gravity-fed HWS, it is advisable in the short-term future to prevent any further damage to the area. Further consultation with a licensed plumber is required to gain further advice on removal of the structure.

Finding 6.10

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Subfloor
Finding:	Ant caps - Not installed
Information:	Ant caps have not been installed to multiple areas of the subfloor structure at the time of inspection. Generally, ant caps are installed to the intersection between the top of the stumps (or piers) and the subfloor structures. Installed during the construction process, ant caps are designed to easily identify termite or pest ingress from stumps to the adjoining bearers. Where ant caps have not been installed, frequent monitoring of these areas should be carried out in order to identify any signs of termite or timber pest workings. A licensed builder must be appointed urgently to replace any missing ant caps.

Finding 6.11

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Subfloor
Finding:	Subfloor - Debris
Information:	An array of debris was found in the subfloor area at the time of inspection. Debris in this area restricts subfloor ventilation and creates potential for concealed pest entry.

Stored timbers and other materials may also make the area susceptible to termite activity and wood rot.

A clear and empty subfloor will be better ventilated and easier to maintain in a dry condition. The removal of any timber debris is vital in minimising the risk of termite or wood borer activity.

Debris in the subfloor should be removed as soon as possible. Depending on the location and amount of debris and stored items, the homeowner may elect to undertake this task. Alternatively there are a large number of rubbish removal subcontractors that could undertake these works.

Evidence of fungal decay activity and/or damage

No evidence was found

Evidence of wood borer activity and/or damage

Finding 8.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Trees
Finding:	Evidence of wood borer activity identified
Information:	Wood borers small beetles that colonise in exposed timber elements are a common timber pest that are regularly mistaken for termites. Although wood borer activity is generally not detrimental to the affected timber they may lead to serious damage and necessitate replacement of certain building elements if left unattended.

The Lyctid borer which generally attacks hardwoods such as subfloor and roofing structures is generally identified by a fine dust surrounding the affected timbers.

The other commonly known borer the Anobium borer is more likely to attack floorboards and may cause severe structural damage to flooring areas.

As no live wood borer activity was identified treatment is not required at this time. Replacement of affected timbers may be considered by the client for superficial reasons.

Section D Significant Items

D4 Further Inspections

We advise that you seek additional specialist inspections from a qualified and, where appropriate, licensed

- Licensed Plumber

- Other

- Licensed Bricklayer

- Licensed Plumber specialising in Roof Plumbing

- Termite and Timber Pest Technician / Licensed Pest Controller

- Registered/Licensed Builder

- Structural Engineer

Jim's Building Inspections can put you in contact with qualified and licensed providers of these and other trades services. Please contact your inspector for recommendations, or visit www.jims.net.

D5 Conclusion - Assessment of overall condition of property

- This is a visual report as per AS4349.1 & AS4349.3 and as per agreed pre-inspection agreement that you have received from us.
This summary must be read in conjunction with the defects list.
The purchaser should ensure all extensions and additions are council approved and completed by licensed trades.

Repair of all other defects are recommended. If left unattended, secondary minor or major defects can ensue.

Please be aware that limitation's did affect the inspection and areas of low clearance and poor access meant a complete inspection of the roof space and subfloor was not possible and areas of stored items, insulation and garden vegetation meant some areas were obstructed.
It is strongly recommended that full access is gained as major defects and/or damage may be concealed.
Please read all the defects and recommendations carefully and read the report in its entirety.

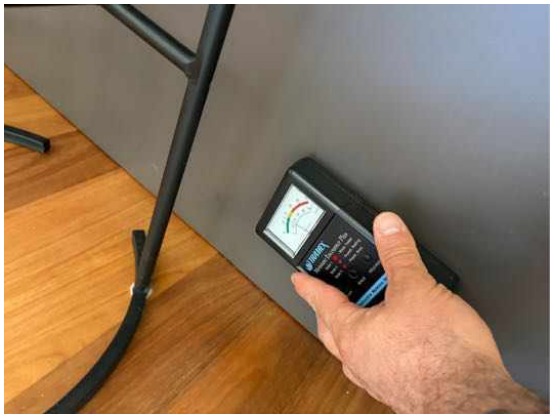
For further information, advice and clarification please contact Terry Masoudi * on: 0420 990 777

Section D Significant Items

The following items were noted as - For your information

Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Moisture metre
Information:	During the inspection the property was checked for moisture using a moisture metre. This is for information only.








Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Wet Areas
Finding:	Waterproofing
Information:	All taps, mixers and toilets were tested for operation, except for those obstructed. The waterproofing to the shower recess was assessed by checking the walls in and around the shower recess for varying moisture content. There were no significant variations across the tested areas. No sign of recent water damage was evident upon a visual inspection of the surrounding walls, where the visual nature of the inspection was possible.

Consequently, there is no conclusive evidence of any current shower recess leakage other than those which may have already been mentioned earlier in this report. It is reasonable to assume the shower waterproofing is sound. Note that if the shower is not used, or has not been used for some time, moisture readings would not vary significantly and this can lead to erroneous results. It is not possible under the visual inspection criteria (under which a prepurchase inspection is carried out) to categorically determine if there are leaks. If a more accurate assessment is required, a special purpose inspection should be requested. Alternatively, the assumption should be made that the shower may leak.

Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Void
Finding:	Additional Photos
Information:	

Additional photos are provided for your general reference.

Noted Item

Building: Main Building
Location: Roof Exterior
Finding: Additional Photos
Information:
Additional photos are provided for your general reference.

Noted Item

Building: Main Building
Location: Subfloor
Finding: Additional Photos
Information:
Additional photos are provided for your general reference.






Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Plumbing/electrical/gas/aircon/appliances/pool equipment/fire safety etc
Finding:	Plumbing & Electrical
Information:	Plumbing and electrical inspections including appliances are outside the scope of the building inspection and must be conducted by a Licensed and registered Trades person.It is highly recommended that the client makes immediate arrangements to have the gas appliances checked by a licensed gas plumber to ensure that the appliances are working safely and efficiently.We recommend all other installations be checked also.Whilst we note and comment of visually apparent defects that present during the building inspection, legislation requires the checking and documenting of

compliance for plumbing and electrical requirements be done by licensed electrician and plumbers respectively to ensure they are functioning correctly.

Noted Item

Building: Main Building
Location: All Areas
Finding: Site drainage
Information: Unless mentioned as a defect further up this report, site drainage appears to be acceptable at the time of inspection, however, the site/yard should be monitored during heavy rain to determine whether the existing drains can cope. If it appears that they cannot cope, then additional drains may be required.The general adequacy of site drainage is not included in the Standard Property Inspection Report. Comments on surface water drainage are limited as where there may have been either little or no rainfall for a period of time, surface water drainage may appear to be adequate during the inspection but then during periods of heavy rain, may be found to be inadequate.Any comments made in this section are relevant only in light of the conditions present at the time of inspection. It is recommended that a Smoke Test be obtained to determine any illegal connections, blocked or broken drains.

Noted Item

Building: Main Building
Location: Retaining walls
Finding: Retaining walls
Information: At the time of inspection the retaining walls were checked and no defects were observed other than those which May have been mentioned earlier in this report.

AS4349.1-2007 requires all retaining walls in excess of 700mm to be inspected by a licensed and practicing structural engineer.

Noted Item

Building: Main Building

Location:

Finding: Pipework - Old urban wear pipes

Information: Old urban wear pipes were identified at the time of inspection.

Consultation with a licensed plumber is advised. CCTV inspection on pipes may be required.

Noted Item

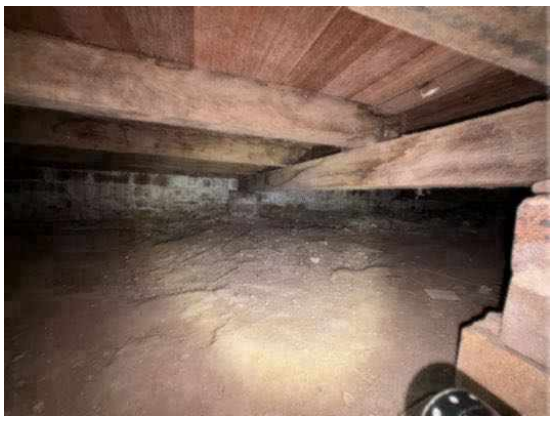
Building: Main Building

Location: All Areas

Finding: Additional Photos - Obstructions and Limitations

Information:

These photographs are an indication of the obstructions and limitations which impeded full inspection of the property at the time of inspection. These obstructions can hide an array of defects and should be removed to allow full inspection to be carried out.A re-inspection is recommended once the areas are made accessible.




Roofvoid inaccessible

The following items were noted as - Evidence of a previous termite management program

Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Extension only
Finding:	Evidence of a previous termite management system was identified
Information:	There are a number of factors which indicate the presence of a previously installed or applied termite barrier. The most common are a durable notice (to the inside of your meter box) observable physical barriers installed to building perimeter and in ground reticulation systems. Where a Termite Management System has been identified you should refer to the type of barrier date of installation warranty conditions and any documentation provided by a builder or past owner. Consult the company who installed the barrier to confirm whether the system is still under warranty. Most chemical termite management systems expire and require replenishment and all physical systems are primarily designed to prevent concealed entry.

Definitions to help you better understand this report

Access hole (cover)	An opening in flooring or ceiling or other parts of a structure (such as service hatch, removable panel) to allow for entry to carry out an inspection, maintenance or repair.
Accessible area	An area of the site where sufficient, safe and reasonable access is available to allow inspection within the scope of the inspection.
Appearance defect	Fault or deviation from the intended appearance of a building element.
Asbestos-Containing Material (ACM)	Asbestos-containing material (ACM) means any material or thing that, as part of its design, contains asbestos.
Building element	A portion of a building that, by itself or in combination with other such parts, fulfils a characteristic function. NOTE: For example supporting, enclosing, furnishing or servicing building space.
Client	The person or other entity for whom the inspection is being carried out.
Conditions Conducive to Termite Activity	Noticeable building deficiencies or environmental factors that may contribute to the presence of Termites.
Defect	Fault or deviation from the intended condition of a material, assembly, or component.
Detailed assessment	An assessment by an accredited sampler to determine the extent and magnitude of methamphetamine contamination in a property.
Inspection	Close and careful scrutiny of a building carried out without dismantling, in order to arrive at a reliable conclusion as to the condition of the building.
Inspector	Person or organisation responsible for carrying out the inspection.
Instrument Testing	Where appropriate the carrying out of Tests using the following techniques and instruments: (a) electronic moisture detecting meter - an instrument used for assessing the moisture content of building elements (b) stethoscope - an instrument used to hear sounds made by termites within building elements (c) probing - a technique where timber and other materials/areas are penetrated with a sharp instrument (e.g. bradawl or pocket knife), but does not include probing of decorative timbers or finishes, or the drilling of timber and trees and (d) sounding - a technique where timber is tapped with a solid object. (e) T3I - an instrument used to detect movement, moisture and changes in temperature within timber
Limitation	Any factor that prevents full or proper inspection of the building.
Major defect	A defect of sufficient magnitude where rectification has to be carried

	out in order to avoid unsafe conditions, loss of utility or further deterioration of the property.
Methamphetamine	An amphetamine-type stimulant that is highly addictive. Methamphetamine is a controlled substance, classified as a Class A (very high-risk) drug under the Misuse of Drug Act. This term is used as a grouping term to include all substances screened for, specifically: Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine,Amphetamine, Methamphetamine, MDA and MDMA.
Methamphetamine contamination	A property or part of a property where the level of methamphetamine has been tested in accordance with this standard and found to exceed 0.5 micrograms/100 cm2 (Residential) or 10 micrograms/100 cm2 (Commercial).
Methamphetamine production/manufacture	The manufacture of methamphetamine, including processing, packaging, and storage of methamphetamine and associated chemicals.
Minor defect	A defect other than a major defect.
Roof space/Roof void	Space between the roof covering and the ceiling immediately below the roof covering.
Screening assessment	An assessment by a screening sampler to determine whether or not methamphetamine is present.
Serviceability defect	Fault or deviation from the intended serviceability performance of a building element.
Significant item	An item that is to be reported in accordance with the scope of the inspection.
Site	Allotment of land on which a building stands or is to be erected.
Structural defect	Fault or deviation from the intended structural performance of a building element.
Structural element	Physically distinguishable part of a structure. NOTE: For example wall, columns, beam, connection.
Subfloor space	Space between the underside of a suspended floor and the ground.
Subterranean Termite Management Proposal	A written proposal in accordance with Australian Standard AS 3660.2 to treat a known subterranean termite infestation and/or manage the risk of concealed subterranean termite access to buildings and structures.
Termites	Wood destroying insects belonging to the order 'Isoptera' which commonly attack seasoned timber.
Tests	Additional attention to the visual examination was given to those accessible areas which the consultant's experience has shown to be

	particularly susceptible to attack by Termites. Instrument Testing of those areas and other visible accessible timbers/materials/areas showing evidence of attack was performed.
Timber Pest Activity	Tell-tale signs associated with 'active' (live) and/or 'inactive' (absence of live) Timber Pests at the time of inspection.
Timber Pest Attack	Timber Pest Activity and/or Timber Pest Damage.
Timber Pest Damage	Noticeable impairments to the integrity of timber and other susceptible materials resulting from an attack by Timber Pests.
Urgent and Serious Safety Hazards	Building elements or situations that present a current or immediate potential threat of injury or disease to persons.

Terms on which this report was prepared

This report is based on the condition of the property at the time of inspection. We strongly recommend re-inspection 30 days after this report is issued as the general condition of the property is likely to have changed, including the extent of defects described and instance of potential undetected defects.

This report has been prepared in accordance with and subject to the pre-inspection agreement in place between the parties, which forms part of this Report.

This Report is prepared for the client identified above and may not be relied on by any other person without our express permission or by the purchase of this Report on our website.

SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE SCOPE, LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS IN YOUR PRE-INSPECTION AGREEMENT AND THIS REPORT

Any of the exclusions or limitations identified for this Report may be the subject of a special-purpose inspection which we recommend being undertaken by an appropriately qualified inspector

RELIANCE AND DISCLOSURE

This report has been prepared based on conditions at the time of the report.

We own the copyright in this report and may make it available to third parties.

If your Property is in the Australian Capital Territory, you acknowledge we will make certain information about this Report available to the ACT Government for inclusion in the building and pest inspections public register if required under the *Civil Law (Sale of Residential Property) Act 2003* . This will include the fact the report has been prepared, the Property street address, date of the inspection, the name of the person who prepared the report and (if applicable) the entity that employs them.

UNDETECTED DEFECT RISK RATING

If this Report has identified a medium or high-risk rating for undetected defects, we strongly recommend a further inspection of areas that were inaccessible. This may include an invasive inspection that requires the removal or cutting of walls, floors or ceilings.

If the Property has been vacant for a period of time, moisture levels or leaks may not be detectable at the time of the inspection because often only frequent use of water pipes (showers, taps etc) result in a leak being identifiable. We advise further testing on pipes and water susceptible areas (such as the bathroom and laundry) after more frequent use has occurred.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:

This is not a report by a licensed plumber or electrician. We recommend a special-purpose

report to detect substandard or illegal plumbing and electrical work at the Property

This is not a smoke alarm report. We recommend all existing detectors in the Property be tested and advice sought as to the suitability of number, placement and operation.

This is not an asbestos report. There are potential products in the Property containing asbestos that will not be identified in this report. In order to accurately identify asbestos, we recommend performing an asbestos inspection, particularly for buildings built prior to 1988.

This is not a report on safety glass. Glazing in older homes may not reflect current standards and may cause significant injury if damaged. Exercise caution around the glass in older homes.

This is not a report on window opening restrictions. We have not inspected window opening restrictors. Window openings in older buildings may not reflect current standards and can be a potential risk. Window opening restrictors are advised for all second story or above windows with sill heights below 900mm. Some states make this a mandatory requirement. Owners should enquire of their local and state requirements to ensure compliance.

This is not a report on pool safety. If a swimming pool is present it should be the subject to a special purpose pool inspection.

External Timber Structures - Balcony and Decks. It is strongly recommended that a Structural Engineer is required to assess distributed load capacity of external timber structures such as balconies and decks, alerting users of the load capacity. Regular maintenance and inspections by competent practitioners to assess the ongoing durability of exposed external timber structures are needed.

This is not a Group Titled Property Report as per AS4349.2. If you require a report for a Group Titled Property as per this standard, please seek a separate inspection for Group Titled Properties.

MOISTURE

The identification of moisture, dampness or the evidence of water penetration is dependent on the weather conditions at the time an inspection. The absence of dampness identified in this Report does not necessarily mean the Property will not experience some damp problems in other weather conditions or that roofs, walls or wet areas are watertight.

Where the evidence of water penetration is identified we recommend detailed investigation of waterproofing in the surrounding area monitoring of the affected area over a period of time to fully detect and assess the cause of dampness.

MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTY

This Report is not a warranty or an insurance policy against problems developing with the Property in the future. Accordingly, a preventative maintenance program should be implemented which includes systematic inspections, detection and prevention of issues. Please contact the inspector who carried out this inspection for further advice.

It is strongly advised that appropriate steps be taken to remove, rectify or monitor any evidence of

conditions conducive to timber pest activity. Undertaking thorough regular inspections at intervals not exceeding twelve months (or more frequent inspections where the risk of timber pest attack is high or the building type is susceptible to attack). To further reduce the risk of subterranean termite attack, implement a management program in accordance with Australian Standard AS3660. This may include the installation of a monitoring and/or baiting system, or chemical and/or physical barrier. However, AS3660 stresses that subterranean termites can bridge or breach barrier systems and inspection zones and those thorough regular inspections of the building are necessary.

NO CERTIFICATION

a) The Property has been compared to others of a similar age, construction type and method that had an acceptable level of basic maintenance completed.

b) We don't advise you about title, ownership or other legal matters like easements, restrictions, covenants and planning laws. None of our inspections constitutes approval by a Building Surveyor, a certificate of occupancy or compliance with any law, regulation or standard, including any comment on whether the Property complies with current Australian Standards, Building Regulations or other legislative requirements.

RECTIFICATION COSTS

We don't provide advice on the costs of rectification or repair unless specifically identified in the scope of the Report. Any cost advice provided verbally or in this report must be taken as of a general nature and is not to be relied on. Actual costs depend on the quality of materials, the standard of work, what price a contractor is prepared to do the work for and may be contingent on approvals, delays and unknown factors associated with third parties. No liability is accepted for costing advice.