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Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Mon, 16 Mar 2026

Property Address: 24 Rose St, Liverpool NSW 2170, Australia

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Special conditions or instructions

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	Part Slab and Part Subfloor, Suspended Timber Frame, Brick Stumps or Piers
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	5
Occupied	Occupied
Orientation	North
Other Building Elements	Driveway, Fence - Fabricated Metal Fence, Granny flat , Carport, Garage
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Fascias, Internal Joinery, Landscaping Timbers and Construction, Doors, Door Frames, Architraves, Floating Floor, Window Frames, Skirting Boards
Roof	Pitched, Tiled, Timber Framed
Storeys	Single
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:

- Subfloor.

- Roof Exterior - 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

- Appliances and equipment

- Above safe working height

- Ceiling cavity inspection was obstructed by 100% due to excessive heat and related OHS procedures preventing entry to this area. A reinspection is strongly recommended when it is safe to enter this area.

- External concrete or paving

- Floor coverings

- Furniture

- Insulation

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

- Subfloor was not able to be inspected - there was no access to this area.

- Wall linings

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**

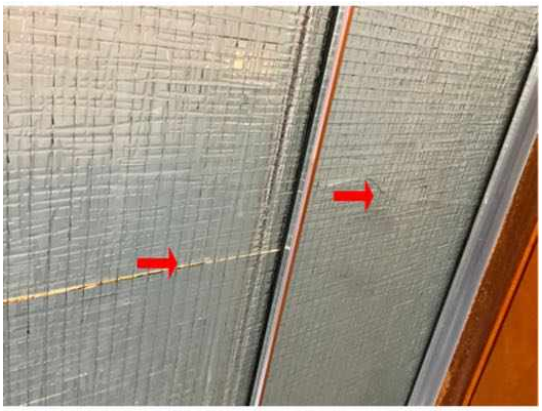
When the risk of undetected defects is medium or high we strongly recommend further inspection once access is provided or if the obstruction can be removed. Contact us for further advice.

Section D Significant Items

Safety Hazard

Finding 1.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Granny flat bathroom
Finding:	Shower screen - Cracked
Information:	Cracking was evident to the shower screen at the time of inspection, which is suspected to be due to accidental impact damage.
	While the cracking appears to be minor, any further impact may lead to additional cracking and or shattering of the shower screen, creating a potential safety hazard in the area. Further damage would almost certainly necessitate replacement of the entire shower screen.
	A qualified glazier is required to repair the shower screen as soon as possible. Please be advised that any persons coming into contact with the cracked shower screen should do so with due caution to avoid any personal injury that may ensue.



Finding 1.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Granny flat kitchen
Finding:	Mould - Present
Information:	Where evidence of mould growth was noted, there may be environmental, biological or health issues associated with the report. A specialist inspection by a suitably qualified environmental health inspector is warranted, where mould is extensive or where any queries regarding air quality spores or other related issues apply.
	Generally, the client is advised to ensure that the general environment is free of moisture and humidity to aid in the prevention of mould formation and development. Any mould found during the inspection should be cleaned immediately by a cleaning

contractor or the homeowner as applicable.

Please note that severely affected building elements may require replacement by a licensed builder.

Finding 1.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Granny flat kitchen
Finding:	Exhaust fan - Missing
Information:	An exhaust fan has not been installed in this area. Missing exhaust fans may lead to the development of more significant defects such as moisture damage to surrounding building materials from inadequate ventilation. Inadequate ventilation in internal areas creates an environment that is conducive to the formation and development of mould and other respiratory hazards. It is highly advised that a licensed electrician be appointed to retrospectively install an exhaust fan. Failure to perform works to aid the ventilation of the area may lead to the development of these secondary defects.

Major Defect

Finding 2.01

Building: Main Building
Location: Garage
Finding: Ceiling - Water damaged
Information: Water damage to the ceiling lining is generally an indication of excessive moisture being present in the roof void, usually via a leak to the roof covering.

Where water damage is evident to the ceiling, the primary requirement is to identify and rectify the source of the leak. A roof restoration specialist should be appointed as soon as possible to identify the leak and perform rectification works as necessary, ensuring the water damage is restricted.

Once the leak is repaired, consultation with relevant tradespeople, including plasterers and painters, is advised. Rectification works may include replacement of ceiling lining or minor repainting, depending on the extent of the damage.

Finding 2.02

Building: Main Building
Location: Granny flat
Finding: Ceiling - Water damaged
Information: Water damage to the ceiling lining is generally an indication of excessive moisture being present in the roof void, usually via a leak to the roof covering.

Where water damage is evident to the ceiling, the primary requirement is to identify and rectify the source of the leak. A roof restoration specialist should be appointed as soon as possible to identify the leak and perform rectification works as necessary, ensuring the water damage is restricted.

Once the leak is repaired, consultation with relevant tradespeople, including plasterers and painters, is advised. Rectification works may include replacement of ceiling lining or minor repainting, depending on the extent of the damage.




Finding 2.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Water leak - Suspected
Information:	A water leak is suspected in this area as excessive moisture was detected at the time of inspection. Another potential cause maybe moisture ingress behind the tiles from around the wall fittings and penetrations.

Internal water leaks can be detrimental to surrounding building elements; their potential causes include damage to plumbing fittings and fixtures, through to water damage and deterioration of associated building elements.

Attracting termites, corrosion, mould, decay and water damage are potential outcomes where a minor water leak is left unattended. More serious defects may also result, such as electrical hazards, or water damage to structural building elements.

In extreme cases, structural damage may develop due to a prolonged water leak. It is highly advised that internal water leaks be addressed by a licensed plumber as a matter of relative urgency.

Minor Defect

Finding 3.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Granny flat lounge
Finding:	Ceiling - Sagging
Information:	Sections of the ceiling were found to be sagging at the time of inspection. Sagging to the fixed ceiling structure generally indicates that the building materials have swollen, due to contact with water, or that fixings (e.g. nails or glue) have become loose and require reattachment. Where minor sagging is evident, comparatively minor works, such as re-gluing of ceiling sheets, may be required. Such works may be performed by relevant tradespeople, such as plasterers and painters. Where excessive moisture has caused the roofing structure to swell and sag, the source of the water leak should primarily be identified prior to any remedial works being performed. The appropriate action should be taken by the client as soon as possible to ensure that any potential further damage is limited.

Finding 3.02

Building: Main Building
Location: Granny flat kitchen
Finding: Unconventional handyman work
Information: This handyman work appears to have been completed to a substandard level and does not comply with regular building practices. Where handyman work is not completed satisfactorily, accelerated deterioration of the associated building elements is likely to occur and secondary defects to surrounding structures may develop.

It is highly recommended that the substandard work be rectified by professional services. Works to improve this area are likely to increase the safety and the operation of the associated building elements.

The client should exercise care when coming into the immediate vicinity of the substandard works. Rectification works are advised as soon as possible by a licensed plumber.

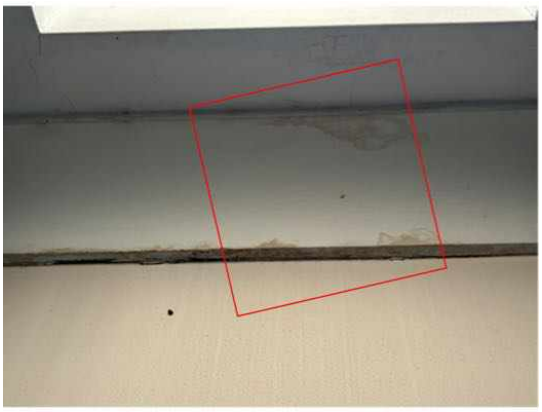
Finding 3.03

Building: Main Building
Location: Granny Bathroom, Main house Loungeroom
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 3.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Carport
Finding:	Brickwork - Step cracking
Information:	Step cracking was identified to the brickwork in this area at the time of inspection. Step cracking, which is similar to other forms of cracking, has a variety of possible causes. However, the most common is the subsidence of adjacent footings.

Step cracking is a relatively common defect, and is most likely to occur adjacent to windows, doors and other openings. Mortar failure in the gaps between affected bricks indicates the stresses and tensions affecting the wall.

Minor step cracking can be used as a warning sign to address factors causing stress to the wall, which can include the effect of surrounding trees, water leaks, soil erosion, or even the presence of reactive soils in the surrounding area. Damage of this category is required to be monitored for a period of 12 months, after which time a crack rated at Category 2 or above is considered a defect requiring rectification, such as minor repairs and repointing. Always contact your building inspector should cracks widen, lengthen, or grow more numerous.

Finding 3.05

Building: Main Building
Location: Carport
Finding: Mortar - Deteriorated (Erosion)
Information: The 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.

Finding 3.06

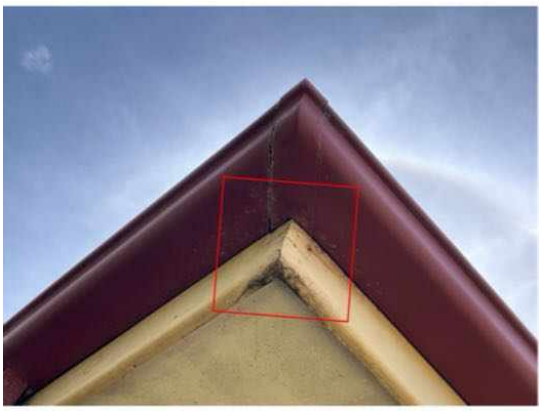
Building: Main Building
Location: Multiple areas
Finding: Eaves/Roof plumping -- water damages

Information:

Water damage is generally an indication of excessive moisture being present, usually via a leak. It is suspected that gutter blockages causing stormwater to backflow into the eaves causing water damages. This is additionally conducive to termite activity due to the damp conditions.

Where water damage is evident, the primary requirement is to identify and rectify the source of the leak. Gutters must be kept clear of any blockages moving forward. A roofing plumber should be appointed for further assessment if the problem persists.

Once the leak is repaired, consultation with relevant tradespeople, including carpenters, plasterers and painters, is advised.



Finding 3.07

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Multiple areas
Finding:	Stormwater drain - Not connected/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 3.08

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Front right corner
Finding:	Washers - Degraded
Information:	The washers on the taps in this area appear to have degraded as a result of general ageing. Degraded washers generally result in slow, persistent leakage from taps and plumbing hardware.

Replacement of washers will ensure that water wastage does not occur and that the persistent water leak does not result in secondary damage to surrounding structures. Such damage may range from rust and corrosion to damage of surfaces, e.g. bench tops, etc.

A qualified plumber should be appointed to replace degraded washers and to further inspect associated plumbing fixtures and fittings. Where water damage has occurred, a carpenter or cabinet maker may be appointed to replace affected building elements.

Finding 3.09

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Granny flat
Finding:	Gaps in perimeter pavement
Information:	Gaps in the external concrete paving were identified at the time of inspection. Gaps in the slab are significant and are likely to lead to the development of secondary defects if left unmanaged, such as the creation of a trip hazard and water entry points.

It is likely that this movement has occurred for several reasons. These could include substandard installation, reactive clay soils and stormwater issues.

With reactive clay soils, it is extremely important to ensure that all stormwater flows including roof and ground flows, contained and continually maintained. High moisture also creates an environment that is conducive to termite attack.

A licensed Plumber should be appointed immediately to ensure that the stormwater pipework is intact and adequate, and all gaps to concrete, driveways and paths should be sealed by a licensed builder or a general handy person to keep moisture from entering.

A licensed concretor may be required to replace pavements that are beyond repair.

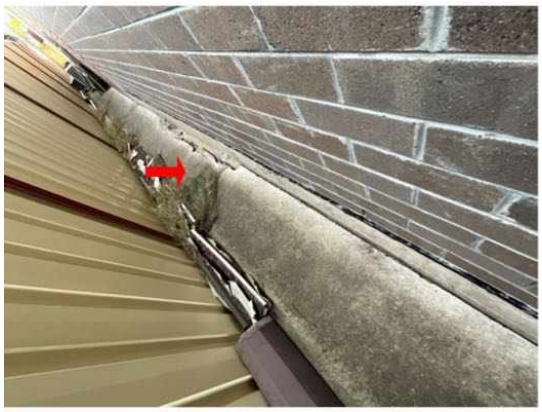
Finding 3.10

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Granny flat
Finding:	Cracking - External Concrete Paving Damage Category 1 - Fine (less than 2mm)
Information:	Fine cracks were identified in external concrete paving. Although fine cracks are quite noticeable, they are often only considered to be an appearance defect, and usually do not indicate any structural damage. To be considered a Category 1 or fine crack, the crack is found to be less than 2mm in width.

Generally the cause of a hairline crack in existing concrete paving such as driveways and pathways is indicative of the expansion and contraction of the concrete. Such causes are generally due to environmental factors, such as moisture levels, weather conditions, root systems of nearby trees or the soil types on which they are laid.

Fine cracks may also be due to poor original installation of the concrete. Factors such as poor compaction of the sub surface and/or inadequate reinforcing of the slab may create cracking and other secondary defects.

Monitoring of all cracking should be conducted frequently. Always contact a building inspector should cracks widen, lengthen, or become more numerous.



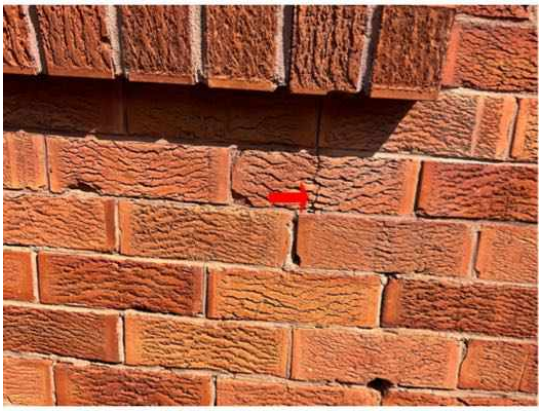
Finding 3.11

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - right side
Finding:	Brickwork - Cracking [Fine]
Information:	Although fine cracks are quite noticeable, they are often only considered to be an appearance defect and usually do not indicate any structural damage. Generally, the cause of a fine crack is indicative of a separation between brickwork and mortar throughout the structure, but single bricks may also show cracks of this nature.

Cracking of this nature can generally be repaired with minor filling and should be conducted by a qualified bricklayer.

Always contact a building inspector should cracks widen lengthen or become more

numerous.



Finding 3.12

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Multiple Windows
Finding:	Window rubber seals - Inadequate
Information:	Some window seals are in a generally poor condition. It is suspected they have been cut short during the initial construction phase of the building. The window is no longer weather-tight; rain penetration and subsequent water damage is therefore likely to ensue. Insulation of the area against external weather conditions will also be compromised. It is highly recommended these seals be repaired or replaced by a sealant expert to prevent any further damage and to restore the window to a fully functional level.

Finding 3.13

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Outboundings
Finding:	Deteriorated components
Information:	It was identified that some elements around the exterior of the home have suffered from environmental effects with replacement required.

Secondary defects are likely if the issue is not addressed. A licensed carpenter should be appointed for repairs immediately.

Finding 3.14

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Sheds
Finding:	Crack in concrete slab - Category 3
Information:	A crack coded as Category 3 was identified in the slab. A Category 3 crack is described as a wide crack with obvious curvature or change in level, affecting the slab.

The approximate width of the crack to be considered Category 3 is greater than 2.0mm, or a change in offset of 15-25mm when a 3m straight edge is placed over the defect.

Category 3 cracks to slabs exceed allowable Standards and Tolerances, and are considered defects requiring rectification.

Finding 3.15

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Multiple areas
Finding:	External painting deteriorated
Information:	The external paintwork to multiple 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 3.16

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 3.17

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Pipe vent cowl - Missing
Information:	The pipe vent cowl on the roof was found to be missing at the time of inspection.
	This may allow moisture, debris and pest ingress to the pipe, causing blockage and other secondary defects.
	A general handyman should be appointed to install the top flue ensuring further damages are prevented.

Finding 3.18

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Roof structure - Hipped roof sagging
Information:	The hipped roofing structure was found to be sagging in sections at the time of inspection. Generally, sagging in a hipped roof occurs due to the ceiling joists and rafters being unparallel; this causes the joists and rafters to not connect adequately, providing insufficient support.
	Sagging roof structures are likely to create strain on associated building elements,

creating potential for secondary damage. The roof is also unlikely to have sufficient support, which will lead to further sagging if left unmanaged.

It is highly advised that a roofing contractor be appointed as soon as possible to provide further advice on repair options. Remedial works should be performed as a matter of urgency to ensure any further damage is avoided.

Finding 3.19

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Gutters
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 3.20

Building: Main Building
Location: Bathroom
Finding: Wet area tiles - Cracked or damaged
Information: Cracking was evident to the tiling in this area at the time of inspection. While the cracking appears to be minor, this area is frequently exposed to water, allowing potential for water penetration into adjoining sections of walls or flooring.

If left unmanaged, water penetration to these areas may lead to subsequent water damage, which is likely necessitate repair work to affected building elements.

A bathroom specialist should be appointed to determine the integrity of the bathroom waterproofing membrane. If the membrane was found to be intact then relatively minor works to replace the cracked tiles should be carried out to ensure no further damage occurs. The re-application of silicone and grouting throughout remaining tile work is also advised, to further protect the area against water penetration.

Finding 3.21

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 3.22

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Multiple areas
Finding:	Cracked floor tiles
Information:	

Cracking in the floor tiles was evident in this area at the time of inspection. It is suspected that this cracking has occurred as a result of minor settlement or shrinkage.

Cracked tiles throughout the household detract from the overall appearance of the affected areas however it is unlikely to create or lead to any secondary defects.

While not considered a matter of urgency, replacement of cracked floor tiles is recommended at the clients discretion. A licensed tiling contractor may be appointed to perform these works. Where cracks become more numerous, contact a licensed building inspector for further investigation.

Finding 3.23

Building: Main Building

Location: Granny flat

Finding: Tiles - Drummy

Information: Drummy tiled areas were identified at the time of inspection. The term 'drummy' refers to tiles that have become detached from their fixing, despite otherwise being in relatively good condition. Such defects are generally caused by physical or moisture damage to the area. Drummy tiled areas may also be a direct result of poor workmanship during the construction process.

Tiled areas may swell and shrink with changes in air humidity if the area has sustained moisture damage. Any exposure to moisture is capable of causing tiled areas to become drummy and/or cracked over a prolonged period of time. Drummy tiled areas generally require removal and replacement of affected tiles, with adequate sealant and grouting.

Specialist trades are available for these types of services. A licensed tiling contractor may be appointed to perform works as necessary.

Finding 3.24

Building: Main Building

Location: Porch

Finding: Tiles - Missing

Information: Tiles were found to be missing in this tiled area. It appears as though broken tiles have been removed and not replaced, or have come loose from their original fixing through general deterioration.

Where tiles are missing, water penetration is likely to occur to exposed walls and flooring, creating potential for subsequent water damage.

Any tiles that are missing should be replaced immediately by a tiling contractor or general handyman. If left unmanaged over a prolonged period of time, water damage is likely to necessitate repair works to surrounding building elements.

Finding 3.25

Building: Main Building

Location: Bedroom - Master

Finding: Building element - Damaged

Information: Breakage occurs generally when the building materials have either aged and decayed, or as a result of damage (accidental or deliberate).

Repair and/or replacement of broken elements is advised to ensure that additional secondary defects do not arise as a consequence. Such works are necessary, as all building elements play a key role in the operation and function of the overall structure and its performance.

A relevant tradesperson should be appointed to repair or replace the affected building element prior to any subsequent damage being caused.

Finding 3.26

Building: Main Building
Location: Garage
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.

Where possible, the use of galvanized (treated) metals or aluminium coated metals aid in rust prevention, as does regular general maintenance. Rust formation can be controlled with coatings, such as paint, that isolate the iron from the environment.

Rusting and corrosion should be managed by ideally removing or limiting the affected surface from exposure to moisture. A licensed builder may be appointed to replace any building elements that have been severely affected by rust or water damage.

Finding 3.27

Building: Main Building
Location: Multiple areas
Finding: Cracks to internal render - Category 1

Information: It has been observed that cracking to internal rendered surfaces has occurred. The degree of damage falls within Category 1, described as fine cracks that do not need repair and which are less than 1.0mm in width limit.

Damage of this category is not considered a defect for rectification. Always contact your building inspector should cracks widen, lengthen, or become more numerous.



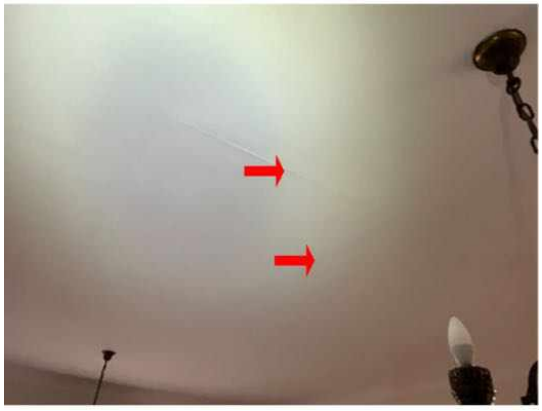






Finding 3.28

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Multiple areas
Finding:	Cracking - Damage Category 1 - Fine (up to 1mm)
Information:	Although fine cracks are quite noticeable, they are often only considered to be an appearance defect, and usually do not indicate any structural damage. Generally, the cause of a fine crack is indicative of a separation between building materials and finishes (e.g. paint, plaster, etc.) along joins.
	Cracking of this nature can generally be repaired with minor sanding, filling and/or repainting. Such works should be performed by a qualified painter or a general handyman.
	Monitoring of all cracking should be conducted frequently. Always contact a building inspector should cracks widen, lengthen, or become more numerous.



Finding 3.29

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Granny flat
Finding:	Surface - Marked
Information:	Although detracting from the overall appearance, marked or stained surfaces do not indicate any operational or structural damage. This degree of surface damage is consistent with general wear and tear and is expected of a property of this age and condition. Marked surfaces may be left as is at client discretion, as no repairs or replacement are necessarily required for this appearance defect. However, the client may wish to seek quotations for the cost to refurbish or replace the identified building element.

A painting or cleaning contractor may be appointed to rectify marked surfaces at the discretion of the client.

Finding 3.30

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Granny flat
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 3.31

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Granny flat
Finding:	Surface - Holes
Information:	Holes in surfaces are generally indicative of impact damage, whether accidental or deliberate, or a failing of the surface material.
	Where holes are apparent in the surface of a building material, the surface is no longer sealed against water penetration or further impact damage, which may lead to additional damage to the surrounding surface.
	Repair or replacement of the affected building element is recommended as soon as possible to ensure that any secondary defects are minimised. A qualified carpenter or general handyperson should be appointed to perform these works.

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: Bathroom
Finding: Water leak - Suspected
Information: A water leak is suspected in this area as excessive moisture was detected at the time of inspection. Another potential cause maybe moisture ingress behind the tiles from around the wall fittings and penetrations.

Internal water leaks can be detrimental to surrounding building elements; their potential causes include damage to plumbing fittings and fixtures, through to water damage and deterioration of associated building elements.

Attracting termites, corrosion, mould, decay and water damage are potential outcomes where a minor water leak is left unattended. More serious defects may also result, such as electrical hazards, or water damage to structural building elements.

In extreme cases, structural damage may develop due to a prolonged water leak. It is highly advised that internal water leaks be addressed by a licensed plumber as a matter of relative urgency.

Finding 6.02

Building: Main Building
Location: Multiple areas
Finding: Stormwater drain - Not connected/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:	Meterbox
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:	Yard - Side
Finding:	Overflow - Not plumbed for drainage
Information:	The overflow is not plumbed or connected to suitable drainage, which can result in the surrounding area becoming excessively damp.

These damp conditions can lead to secondary defects such as rot, rust or corrosion of associated building elements, the formation of fungal decay, or even the creation of potential slip hazards. When coupled with poor site drainage, pooling of water may also attract termite activity to this area.

It is highly recommended that a licensed plumber be appointed to install adequate drainage to the overflow. These works will ensure that the area remains dry and free of any secondary defects.

Finding 6.05

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 6.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Yard
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 6.07

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Granny flat
Finding:	Service penetrations
Information:	Services into home can allow for concealed termite entry without additional or adequate termite protection.

Finding 6.08

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 6.09

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.

Evidence of fungal decay activity and/or damage

No evidence was found

Evidence of wood borer activity and/or damage

No evidence was found

Section D Significant Items

D4 Further Inspections

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

- Termite and Timber Pest Technician / Licensed Pest Controller

- Licensed Plumber specialising in Roof Plumbing

- Licensed Plumber

- Other

- Mould Remediation Specialist

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.
The subfloor and roofvoid were inaccessible at the time of inspection. Further inspection is highly advised.

The property was found to be in average condition despite safety hazards, major defects and minor defects.
A licensed termite specialist should be appointed for a further assessment based on AS3660.2.2000.
Installation of a termite chemical barrier is highly recommended. Regular termite inspections are highly recommended every 6-months.

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: Meter Box
Finding: Electrical switchboard - Old ceramic fuses
Information:

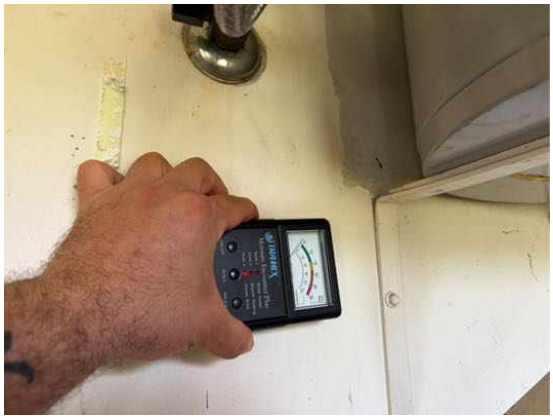
The electrical switchboard while appearing to have adequate safety switches installed has old ceramic fuses in place.

While this on its own on is not considered a defect it is noted for the clients consideration that a switchboard upgrade may be required in the short to mid term to improve the functionality of the electrical system. A licensed electrician could be appointed to provide quotation for the works at the client`s discretion which may in turn expose other required works to bring the system up to a compliant state.

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: All Wet Areas
Finding: Additional Photos
Information:

Additional photos are provided for your general reference.

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:
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.

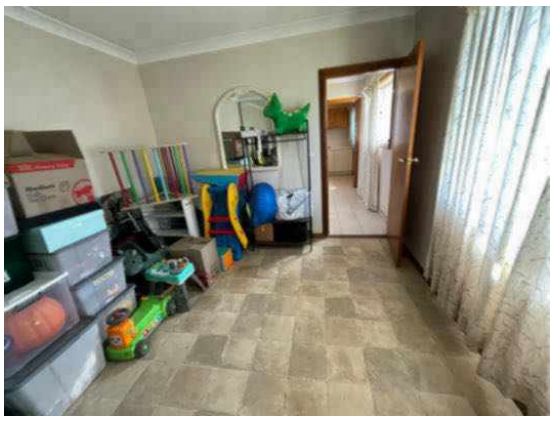
Noted Item

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.


Subfloor inaccessible


Subfloor inaccessible








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.