



## Building Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Tue, 7 Apr 2026

Property Address: 2/3 Dagola Ave, Nunawading VIC 3131,  
Australia



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This Report has been prepared in accordance with the pre-inspection agreement in place between the parties set out below, which set out the purpose and scope of the inspection, and the significant items that will be reported on. This Report reflects the opinion of the inspector based on the documents that have been provided. This Report should be read in its entirety and in the context of the agreed scope of Services. If there is a discrepancy between the summary findings and the body of the Report, the body of the Report will prevail. We recommend that you should promptly implement any recommendation or advice in this Report, including recommendations of further inspections by another specialist. If you have any queries with this Report or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the person who carried out the inspection. This Report contains reference to material that is the copyright of Standards Australia reproduced under agreement with SAI Global to Jim's Building Inspections (Australia).

Original Inspection Date: Tue, 7 Apr 2026

## The Parties

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The following apply: Not Applicable

## Section A Results of Inspection - summary

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

	Found	Not Found
<b>Safety Hazard</b>		✓
<b>Major Defect</b>	✓	
<b>Minor Defect</b>	✓	

### Overall Condition

In summary, the building, compared to others of similar age and construction is in fair condition with maintenance items required.

## Section B General

### General description of the property

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Building Type	Residential
Company or Strata title	No
Floor	Concrete Stumps, Suspended Timber Frame
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	3
Occupied	Occupied
Orientation	South
Other Building Elements	Garage
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Door Frames, Doors, Deck, Architraves, Floating Floor, Skirting Boards, Staircase
Roof	Pitched, Tiled, Timber Framed
Storeys	Double
Walls	Brick Veneer, Rendered
Weather	Raining

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## 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 or where access is limited or unsafe. We do not move obstructions and building defects may not be obvious unless obstructions or unsafe conditions are removed to provide access.

### Inaccessible Areas

The following areas were inaccessible:

- Ceiling Cavity - Part.
- Subfloor due to lack of access.

Any areas which are inaccessible at the time of inspection present a high risk for undetected building defects. The client is strongly advised to make arrangements to access inaccessible areas urgently wherever possible.

### Obstructions and Limitations

Building defects may be concealed by the following obstructions which prevented full inspection:

- Appliances and equipment
- Ceiling cavity inspection was obstructed by approximately 50% due to obstructions like insulation, ducting and poor clearance or access restrictions.
- Decking
- Duct work
- Fixed ceilings
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Floor coverings
- Furniture

- Rugs
- Stored items
- 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.
- Vegetation

The presence of obstructions increases the risk of undetected defects. The client should make arrangement to remove obstructions where ever possible and re-inspect these areas as a matter of urgency. See also overall risk rating for undetected defects.

### Undetected defect risk

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: **Medium**

When the risk of undetected defects 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

No evidence was found

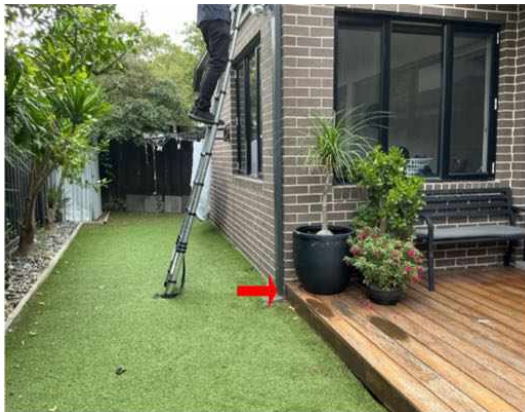
### Major Defect

#### Defects 2.01

Building: Main Building  
Location: Rear Elevation  
Finding: Stormwater drain - Not connected  
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.



## Minor Defect

### Defects 3.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Control joins
Finding:	Caulking/sealant to junctions - Missing
Information:	Areas where waterproof sealant to is missing to junctions were identified.

All Sealant/ Caulking works should be completed by the builder prior to final handover.



### Defects 3.02

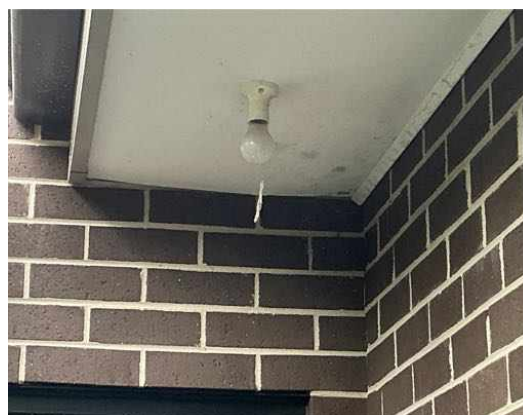
Building:	Main Building
Location:	Rear Elevation
Finding:	Eaves - Sagging
Information:	Sagging to the eaves was evident in this area at the time of inspection. This type of defect is generally consistent with older properties, where the eave sheeting has worn over time.

Eaves are important in preventing water ingress to associated walls by promoting

adequate water run-off from roofing structures. Their secondary function is to prevent shelter to adjoining structures from excessive moisture and hence prevent water damage to these areas.

Sagging eaves are susceptible to the attraction of excessive moisture, and are therefore considered non-functional. This defect also detracts from the overall appearance and condition of the roofing structure and any associated structures.

A roofing plumbing or general handyman is recommended to perform rectification works as soon as possible. Subsequent water damage is likely to result over time if left unattended.



### Defects 3.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Dining Room
Finding:	Window- Broken handle
Information:	The window 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 handle is advised to improve the operational state of the associated window

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



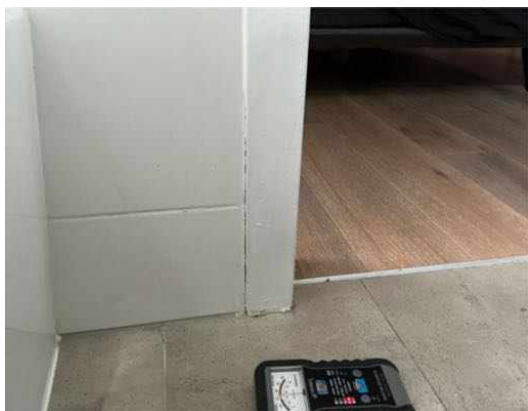
### Defects 3.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite - Master
Finding:	Building element - Swollen
Information:	Swollen building elements generally indicate that the building materials have been affected by excessive moisture over a prolonged period of time, and have swollen as a result. The formation and development of mould/fungi or mildew is also a likely consequence of excessive moisture, which may pose major respiratory issues for occupants, particularly the elderly, the very young and those with existing illnesses and could be potential health safety hazards. In these cases an appropriately qualified inspector/tester should also be contacted for advice and/or technical assistance.

The structural integrity of swollen building elements can not be guaranteed, and further damage is likely to develop if left unmanaged. Excessive moisture is likely to lead to the development of secondary damage to any associated building elements, which may necessitate major reparation works if prolonged.

Rectification of the cause of the water leak should be addressed prior to any remedial works to the swollen building elements. A licensed plumber should be appointed

immediately to identify the cause of the leak and provide advice on remedial works as necessary, Repair and/or replacement of swollen building elements should be conducted as a matter of urgency by a registered builder or qualified carpenter.



### Defects 3.05

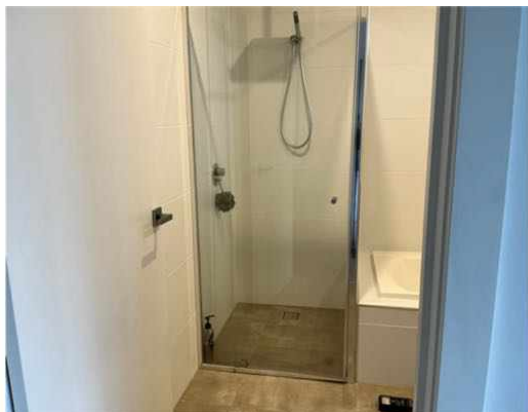
Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Sticking or jamming
Information:	Building elements which are sticking or jamming are difficult to operate and don't function as intended. There are a variety of causes for sticking and jamming.

The most usual causes are swelling of timbers due to moisture, bulging or bowing of metal frames, or general material deterioration. Generally, sticking and jamming building elements indicate that their frames are uneven or out of level, generally as result of movement to surrounding walls and floors.

Easement will be required, which usually depends on the building materials used. This may involve some sanding and/or application of a lubricant. It will almost always include ensuring the areas are cleaned and free of any debris that may be detrimental to their operational state.

Appointment of a carpenter or general handyman is recommended to rectify any

sticking/jamming building elements.

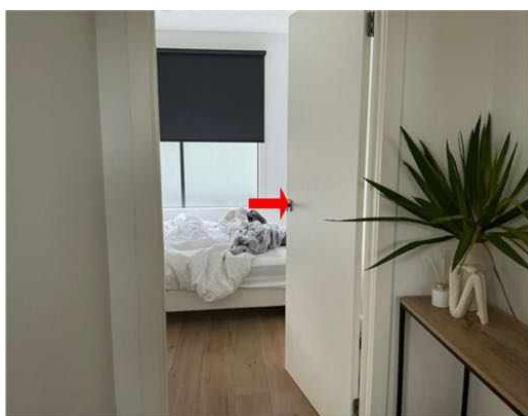


### Defects 3.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bedroom
Finding:	Door handle - Not latching
Information:	It was noted that the door in this area was not latching during operation at the time of inspection. Whilst detracting from the functionality of this building element, this minor defect may also be a security risk, and may therefore have serious implications if left unattended.

It is suspected that this defect has occurred due to minor issues with the associated hinges. Such damage is identified as general wear and tear, which is expected for building elements of this age.

A qualified carpenter or general handyperson may be appointed to perform rectification works as necessary, at client discretion. If left unattended, further functional impairment is likely to occur.



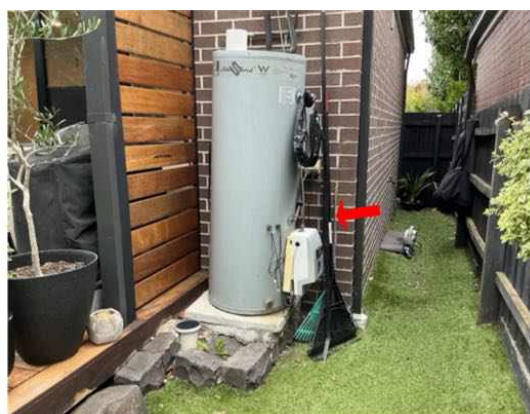
### Defects 3.07

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Rear Elevation

Finding: HWS Overflow - Not Connected  
 Information: The Hot Water System (HWS) overflow was found to be disconnected from storm water drainage and is creating excessive moisture in the surrounding area.

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 connect the HWS overflow in order to prevent such an environment from being created. These minor works should be carried out as soon as possible.



### Defects 3.08

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Ensuite - Master  
 Finding: Toilet- Cracked  
 Information: Cracking was evident to the toilet base at the time of inspection, which is suspected to have been by minor impact damage and age. While the cracking appears to be minor, this will continue to deteriorate and may leak if not replaced.

As the cracking provides potential for water leaks, secondary water damage may occur to associated cabinetry, walls or flooring, if the cracking is left unmanaged.

Consultation with a plumber regarding replacement is required. Remedial works may be required to protect against any further damage.



### Defects 3.09

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Powder Room
Finding:	Cabinetry - Loose hinges
Information:	Several cupboard doors are not level and detract from the operational state of the cabinetry. Upon further inspection, it was noted that the hinges to the cupboard doors have deteriorated over time and, as a result, have come loose from their original fixing. To improve operation of the affected cupboard doors, a general handyman may be appointed to replace the faulty hinges. Such works should be completed at discretion of the client.



## Defects 3.10

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Rumpus Room
Finding:	Building element - Swollen
Information:	Swollen building elements generally indicate that the building materials have been affected by excessive moisture over a prolonged period of time, and have swollen as a result. The formation and development of mould/fungi or mildew is also a likely consequence of excessive moisture, which may pose major respiratory issues for occupants, particularly the elderly, the very young and those with existing illnesses and could be potential health safety hazards. In these cases an appropriately qualified inspector/tester should also be contacted for advice and/or technical assistance.

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## Defects 3.11

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite - Master
Finding:	Sticking or jamming
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building elements indicate that their frames are uneven or out of level, generally as result of movement to surrounding walls and floors.

Easement will be required, which usually depends on the building materials used. This may involve some sanding and/or application of a lubricant. It will almost always include ensuring the areas are cleaned and free of any debris that may be detrimental to their operational state.

Appointment of a carpenter or general handyman is recommended to rectify any sticking/jamming building elements.



### Defects 3.12

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Finding:	Building element - Swollen
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### Defects 3.13

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite - Master
Finding:	Tiling - Efflorescence
Information:	Efflorescence appears to be affecting the tiles in this area. Efflorescence typically occurs when excess salts within the concrete or cement mortar is leached to the surface due to water transfer.

It is typically seen as white salt deposits on the surfaces of concrete pavement or mortar between bricks or tiles. While detracting from the overall appearance of the affected area, efflorescence is not likely to develop into secondary damage if left unmanaged.

Generally, soluble salt deposits can be removed by dry brushing with a stiff-bristled brush. Repeated dry brushing is an ideal treatment for eliminating this forming of efflorescence. A cleaning contractor or general handyman may be appointed to perform these works at the discretion of the client.



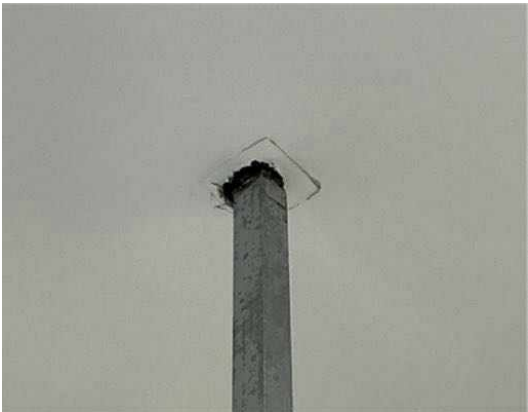
**Defects 3.14**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Ensuite - Master  
Finding: Building element - Missing trim  
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.





### Defects 3.15

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Void
Finding:	Insulation - Moved (AS4859)
Information:	Although the insulation batts appear to have been installed correctly, it appears as though several of the batts have been moved by other tradespeople and replaced incorrectly post-works.

As a general rule, a 5% gap in the insulation creates potential for a 50% decrease in the energy efficiency of the property.

All insulation batts should be reinstated prior to final handover to comply with standards and to ensure maximal energy efficiency within the property. Failure to do so results in non-compliance with AS4859.1 Materials for Thermal Insulation of Buildings.



### Defects 3.16

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Building element - Swollen
Information:	Swollen building elements generally indicate that the building materials have been

affected by excessive moisture over a prolonged period of time, and have swollen as a result. The formation and development of mould/fungi or mildew is also a likely consequence of excessive moisture, which may pose major respiratory issues for occupants, particularly the elderly, the very young and those with existing illnesses and could be potential health safety hazards. In these cases an appropriately qualified inspector/tester should also be contacted for advice and/or technical assistance.

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### Defects 3.17

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Void
Finding:	Exhaust fan - sarking on roof

Information: On inspection of the roof void, it was observed that the exhaust fans to the bathroom and ensuite do not exhaust directly to the outside of the building, which is required by the NCC if sarking has been fitted, as it has in this home.

NCC 3.8.5.1 states:

An exhaust fan or other means of mechanical ventilation may be used to ventilate a sanitary compartment, laundry or bathroom, or where mechanical ventilation is provided in accordance with 3.8.5.3(b), provided contaminated air exhausts

(i) directly to outside the building by way of ducts or

(ii) into a roof space that has no Sarking

(A) is adequately ventilated by open eaves, and/or roof vents or

(B) is covered by roof tiles WITHOUT SARKING or similar materials which would prevent venting

through gaps between the tiles.



### Defects 3.18

Building: Garage  
 Location: Front Elevation  
 Finding: Roof plumbing - Flashing inadequate  
 Information: Some sections of the roof are missing or have inadequate roof flashings. Flashings are metal and other materials which are applied to seals and intersections between roof coverings and building elements. They are designed to aid in weatherproofing of roof joins.

Flashings that are not installed adequately or are missing are likely to result in water penetration to the interior of the property, as well as creating excessively damp conditions against the exterior surfaces and around the base perimeter of the building.

Premature ageing and secondary building defects are imminent where roof plumbing

is missing or inadequately installed. Additionally, water pooling also creates an environment that is susceptible to termite and pest infestation.

A roofing plumber should be appointed as soon as possible to install relevant roof plumbing materials, ensuring that no further damage is sustained.



### Defects 3.19

Building:	Garage
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Gutters - Blocked
Information:	Roof plumbing structures, such as guttering and downpipes, should be free of all debris to prevent blockages. Blockages of the guttering and downpipes will lead to pooling and accumulated water overflows, which is likely to subsequently flood eaves and exterior walls.

Where gutter guard is installed regular maintenance should include cleaning out any debris which may rest on top of or filter through the gutter guard.

Blocked gutters are likely to lead to high levels of moisture in the affected areas. Such moisture will not only cause rust and decay of the associated building materials, but can also provide conditions that are conducive to termite and timber pest activity. Blockages in gutters should therefore be removed immediately to ensure dry

conditions are maintained.

Consult a Licensed Plumber for further specific advice on remedial works that may be required. In the interim, it is highly advised that blocked gutters be removed by the homeowner or a general handyperson as a matter of urgency.



**Defects 3.20**

Building: Garage  
Location: All Areas  
Finding: Roof tiles - Weathered  
Information: Upon inspection of the exterior roofing, the majority of roof tiles were considered to be

in a fair condition. While weathering of the tiles is consistent with the age of the property, maintenance works are required.

Isolated areas of mortar have come loose in the valleys and minor cracking is also present. Re-pointing and re-sealing the may be considered as an interim solution by the client to help preserve and extend the life span of the tiles.

Where left unmanaged, deteriorating roof tiles are likely to lead to a number of secondary defects, including minor water leaks and weather exposure to internal roofing structures.

Consultation with a roofing contractor is highly advised to gain advice on cost of remedial works that may be required in the short to medium term. Remedial works are likely to increase the longevity of the exterior roofing structure.





### Defects 3.21

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Rear Elevation
Finding:	Perimeter Paving - Insufficient Fall
Information:	The perimeter paving or ground levels were found to have an inadequate slope away from the adjoining building structure, creating potential for water pooling in this area.

Perimeter paving is required to fall from the building by a minimum of 25mm in the first metre and bare ground should fall away from the house by 50mm in the first meter. This standard ensures that excessive moisture does not pool around the base of building structures, which creates potential for water and structural damage, as well as making the area susceptible to termite and timber pest activity.

Where paving or ground levels do not have adequate fall, a licensed paving contractor should be appointed to install or remove and re-level pavement.



## Section D Significant Items

### D4 Further Inspections

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

- As identified in summary and defect statements

- Licensed Plumber

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](http://www.jims.net).

### D5 Conclusion - Assessment of overall condition of property

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On inspection, some minor defects and maintenance items were found as listed in the report. Please use this report as a maintenance list to rectify the defects found.

Many items around the property have deteriorated due to wear and tear and an obvious lack of maintenance

Several areas contained swollen Timbers, no excess moisture was found in any of these swollen Timbers except the en-suite architrave at the time of inspection.

Please be aware that without attention, some minor defects may become major defects.

There was no evidence of a previous termite treatment; we recommend installation of a preventative treatment to all properties.

Please read the report in full and contact me with any questions.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Vince Paterno on: 0498 110 155

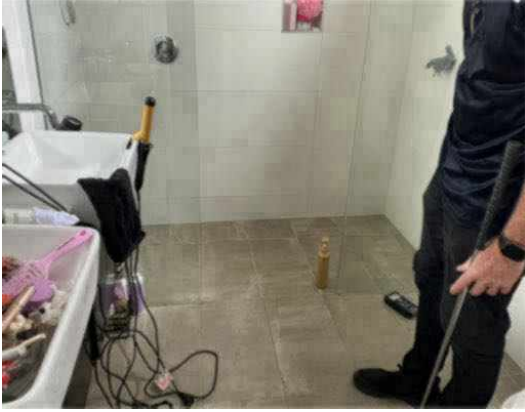
## Section D Significant Items

### The following items were noted as - For your information

#### 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.









### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Exterior walls - left side  
 Finding: Air conditioner - Disconnected overflow  
 Information: The Air Conditioner (A/C) overflow was found to be disconnected from storm water drainage and is creating excessive moisture in the surrounding area.

Such leaking creates an environment which is conducive to an array of defects, including water damage to associated building elements and the attraction of termite or timber pest infestation.

It is highly recommended that a licensed plumber be appointed to connect the A/C overflow in order to prevent such an environment from being created. These minor works should be carried out as soon as possible.



**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Subfloor  
Finding: Subfloor access limitations  
Information: Limited access to the subfloor was present due to facts including but not limited to access hatch size or placement and stored items, for this reason access to the subfloor was minimal.



**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building

Location: All Areas  
Finding: Warranty - Expired  
Information: Where appliances are beyond their warranty period, the owner should be prepared to meet the cost of replacement or repair of the item at any time. The operation of the appliance can not be guaranteed and further inspection by an appropriately qualified tradesperson may be required.



**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Exterior walls - left side  
Finding: Pipework incorrect  
Information:



## The following items were noted as - Fair Condition

### Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Electrical Switchboard
Finding:	Termite Management System - no evidence of a chemical 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.



## 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.
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.
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 cm <sup>2</sup> (Residential) or 10 micrograms/100 cm <sup>2</sup> (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.
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 a pest report.** As termites are widespread throughout mainland Australia we recommend annual timber pest inspections.

**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.

**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.