



## Building Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Fri, 20 Feb 2026

Property Address: 11 Paxton Link, Pakenham VIC 3810,  
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).

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## The Parties

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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 has been prepared in accordance with Australian Standard AS 4349.1-2007 for pre-purchase building inspections and is based on a visual, non-invasive assessment of the accessible areas of the property.

## 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

Building Type	Residential, Detached
Company or Strata title	No
Floor	Concrete, Slab on ground
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	4
Occupied	Occupied
Orientation	North
Other Building Elements	Driveway, Garage, Pergola
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Doors, External Joinery, Floorboards, Internal Joinery, Landscaping Timbers and Construction, Architraves
Roof	Pitched, Timber Framed, Tiles
Storeys	Single
Walls	Brick Veneer (Timber Framed), Rendered
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.

- The Site
- Wall Exterior
- Interior
- Exterior
- Roof Exterior - Part
- Roof Void - Part

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:

- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection.
- Ceiling Cavity - Part.
- Roof Exterior - Part
- Site - Part.
- Wall exterior due to obstructions.

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:

- Above safe working height
- Appliances and equipment

- Debris in gutters
- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection
- Ceiling linings
- Decking
- Duct work
- External concrete or paving
- External finished ground level
- Fixed ceilings
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Floor coverings
- Furniture
- Insulation
- Landscaping
- Porch
- Rugs
- Stored items
- Vegetation
- Wallpaper or Wall Coverings
- Wall linings

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: **High**

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

No evidence was found

### Minor Defect

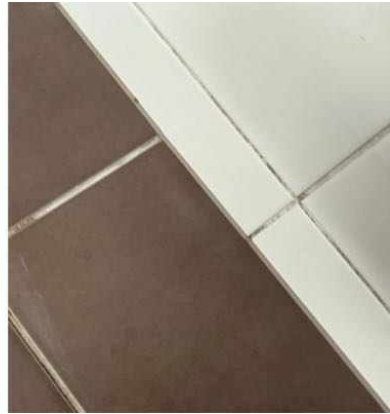
#### Defects 3.01

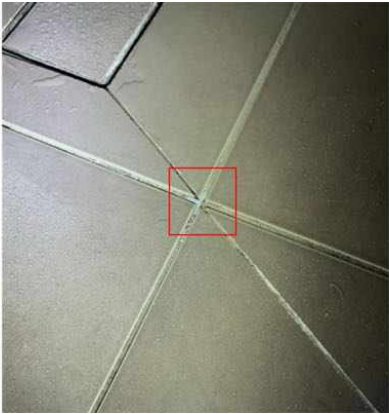
Building: Main Building  
 Location: Ensuite - Master  
 Finding: Shower damp and Deteriorated Grout/Sealant – Shower Alcove  
 Information:

Dampness was observed to the lower approximately 300 mm of the wall within the shower alcove. The affected area corresponds with sections of deteriorated grout and degraded sealant to the tiled surfaces and junctions. The condition is commonly associated with moisture permeating through failed grout lines or compromised sealant; however, concealed plumbing leakage within the adjoining wall cavity cannot be ruled out without further investigation. Localised mould growth was also noted to sections of grout and sealant.

Excess moisture within shower recesses can lead to the development of mould, fungi, and bacterial growth, as well as deterioration of associated building materials including wall linings, framing, and finishes. Movement between adjoining materials (e.g., wall and floor junctions) often results in cracking of rigid grout, and flexible sealant is required at junctions to accommodate expansion and contraction while maintaining watertightness. If left unmanaged, ongoing damp conditions may compromise structural elements and pose potential health concerns due to microbial growth.

Immediate assessment by a licensed plumber or bathroom specialist is recommended to determine the source of moisture and undertake necessary remedial works. This may include moisture testing, plumbing checks, removal and replacement of deteriorated grout and sealant, and application of flexible, mould-resistant sanitary-grade silicone at junctions. Where mould growth is extensive, further evaluation by a suitably qualified environmental health or mould specialist should be considered. Ongoing maintenance of grout and sealant to wet areas is essential to preserve watertight integrity and prevent recurrence.





**Defects 3.02**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Ensuite - Master  
Finding: Toilet roll holder - Loose  
Information: The toilet roll holder was found to be loose at the time of inspection. While not a major operational defect, function can deteriorate if the problem is left unmanaged.

It is advised that the homeowner performs remedial works to re-attach the toilet roll holder to its original fixing. A general handyperson may be required to perform these works.



### Defects 3.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite - Master
Finding:	Towel rail - loose
Information:	The towel rail was found to be loose at the time of inspection. While not a major operational defect, function can deteriorate if the problem is left unmanaged.

It is advised that the homeowner performs remedial works to re-attach the towel rail to its original fixing. A general handyperson may be required to perform these works.



### Defects 3.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Kitchen
Finding:	Minor Gap – Internal Finish
Information:	

A minor gap was observed to the affected internal junction. The separation appears small and consistent with normal building movement, material shrinkage, or minor installation tolerances.

Such gaps are generally cosmetic in nature and do not indicate structural concern at the time of inspection. However, they may detract from the overall finish quality and allow minor dust accumulation.

If considered unsightly, a qualified handyman or relevant trade specialist can apply a suitable flexible sealant or undertake minor adjustment works to achieve a neat and uniform finish.



### Defects 3.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Gallery
Finding:	Minor Settlement Cracking – Plaster Wall (Kitchen Area)
Information:	Minor cracking was observed to the plaster wall facing the kitchen at the time of inspection. The cracks appear narrow and consistent with typical settlement and movement-related cracking that commonly develops in residential dwellings over time.

Such cracking is generally cosmetic in nature and is often attributable to normal building movement, material shrinkage, and seasonal expansion and contraction. No evidence was observed at the time of inspection to suggest structural failure associated with these cracks.

If improved presentation is desired, a qualified plasterer or painter can undertake cosmetic rectification works including filling, sanding, and repainting to achieve a smooth and uniform finish. Ongoing monitoring is recommended to ensure the cracks do not progressively widen.



### Defects 3.06

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Kitchen  
 Finding: Defective Rangehood Light Switch – Kitchen  
 Information:

At the time of inspection, the rangehood light switch was found to be defective. When manually pressed, the light would illuminate; however, it did not remain engaged once released and would immediately switch off.

This condition indicates a likely fault within the switch mechanism or associated internal electrical components. A malfunctioning switch may result in unreliable operation and could indicate wear or internal failure of the unit.

It is recommended that a licensed electrician inspect the rangehood assembly and repair or replace the faulty switch as required to restore proper and safe operation.



### Defects 3.07

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Bathroom 2  
 Finding: Sealant and grouting - Deteriorated  
 Information: It was noted on inspection that sealant or grout is degraded to the tiled shower alcove and or other areas of the bathroom.

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.

There appears to be some mould to the sealant and grout which will likely require scraping out and replacement.

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 or tiling contractor should be appointed to complete these works as soon as possible





### Defects 3.08

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom 2
Finding:	Shower screen - Leaking
Information:	Leaking was evident to the 2nd bathroom's shower screen at the time of inspection. It is suspected that the leaking has occurred as a result of deteriorated or missing caulking to the shower or general ageing of the building elements.

Leaking from the shower where left unattended, is likely to lead to water damage to adjoining flooring and walls. Such damage can lead to water damage and necessitate extensive remedial works being required. Active water leaks may also create an environment that is susceptible to the formation and development of mould.

Appointment of a caulking contractor is required to repair or replace the caulking to the shower area. Such works should be performed as soon as possible to ensure that no further damage occurs.



### Defects 3.09

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Hallway 2
Finding:	Smoke Alarm Non-Operational
Information:	During inspection, the smoke alarm appeared to have been opened and did not appear to be operational at the time of inspection. Smoke alarms are essential safety devices and must be fully functional in accordance with current building regulations and Australian Standards.

It is recommended that a licensed electrician inspect and test the smoke alarm, and carry out any necessary repairs or replacement to ensure it is fully operational.



### Defects 3.10

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom 2
Finding:	Shower door fails to latch properly
Information:	The shower door in the ensuite does not latch securely when closed. The magnetic strip or latch mechanism that typically keeps the door in place is missing, leaving the door loose and unable to remain closed properly.

Without a proper latching mechanism, the shower door may swing open during use,

allowing water to escape and potentially cause damage to the surrounding floor area. Over time, this could lead to water damage, increased wear on the door hinges, and a reduction in the overall functionality of the shower enclosure.

It is recommended to hire a handy-person at client discretion to install the necessary magnetic strip or latch to ensure the door closes securely and functions as intended.

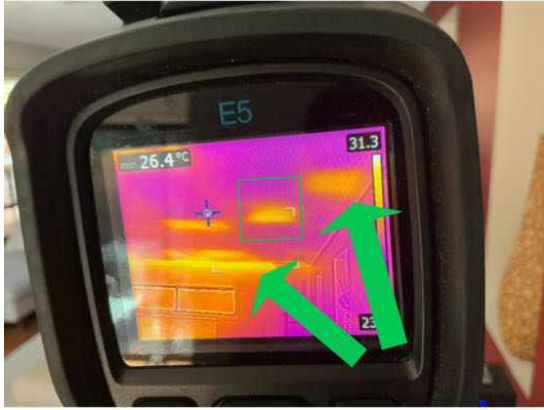
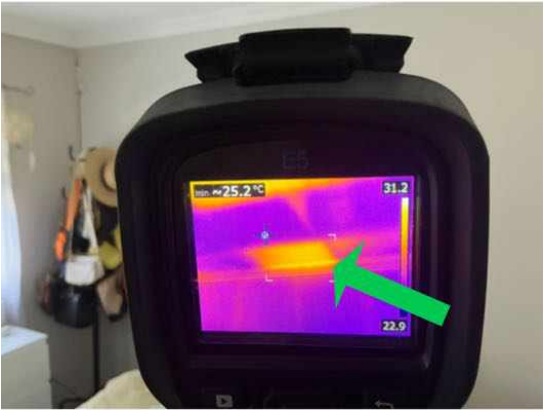
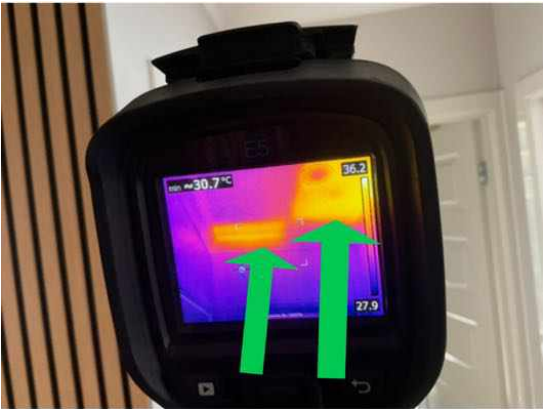


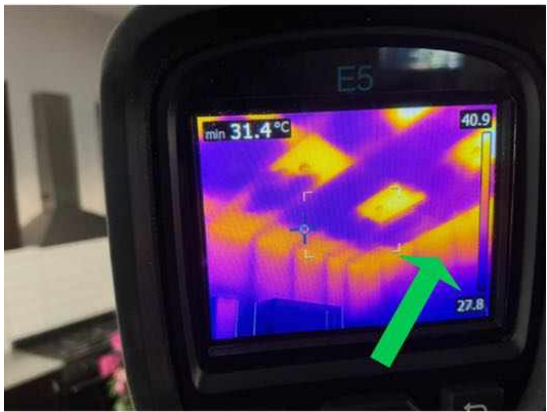
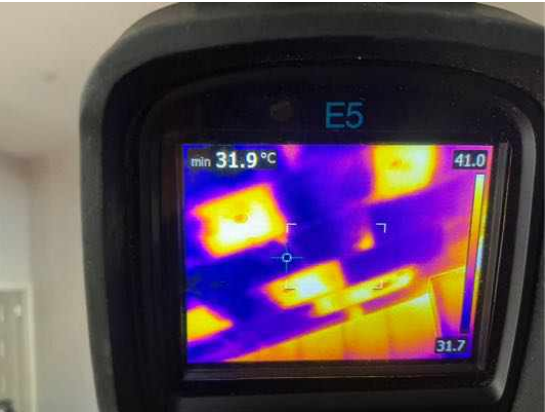
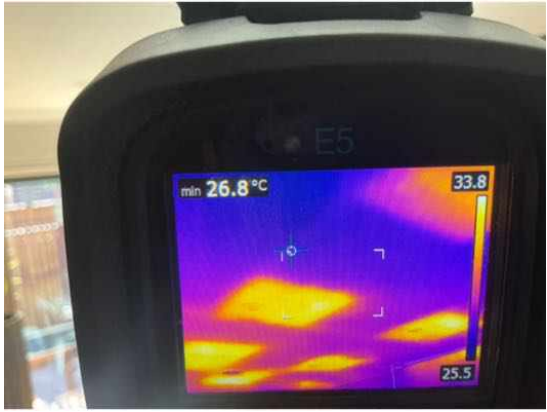
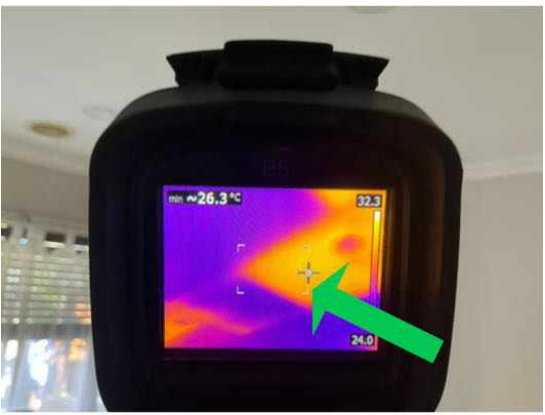
### Defects 3.11

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Internal Areas
Finding:	Inconsistent Thermal Performance to Ceiling Areas – Suspected Insulation Deficiencies
Information:	Thermal imaging conducted to internal ceiling areas at the time of inspection identified inconsistent heat patterns, which are indicative of variations in thermal performance across the roof space. These patterns are commonly associated with areas of missing, displaced, or insufficient insulation above the ceiling linings.

Inadequate or uneven insulation coverage can reduce the energy efficiency of the dwelling, contribute to heat loss in cooler periods and heat gain in warmer conditions, and may result in reduced occupant comfort and increased heating and cooling costs. Due to the non-invasive nature of the inspection, the exact extent and condition of insulation could not be confirmed visually in all affected areas.

It is recommended that a qualified insulation contractor inspect the roof space, assess insulation coverage and condition, and top up or reinstate insulation where required to achieve consistent thermal performance throughout the property.







### Defects 3.12

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Void
Finding:	Bathroom Exhaust Fans Not Ducted to External Atmosphere
Information:	The exhaust fans installed in the bathrooms were observed to be discharging directly into the roof cavity rather than being ducted to the external atmosphere. This configuration does not comply with best practice ventilation standards, as it allows moist air to accumulate within the roof space.

Prolonged moisture build-up in the roof cavity can lead to elevated humidity levels, which may contribute to mould growth, timber decay, and potential damage to insulation or other roof components over time.

It is recommended that a licensed ventilation specialist or electrician be engaged to install compliant ducting that vents the exhaust air to the outside of the building, in accordance with current building regulations and ventilation standards.



### Defects 3.13

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All External Areas
Finding:	Cracking - External Concrete Paving and Driveway Damage Category 2 - Distinct (less than 3mm)
Information:	Distinct cracks were identified in external concrete paving and driveway. Distinct cracks are generally found in older concrete paving, and may also present as a trip hazard as consequence of an uneven or curved surface.

General age and expected deterioration of the paved areas is a common cause of this type of cracking. However, expansion and contraction of the slab may also have occurred due to environmental factors. Such factors include variable moisture and weather conditions, the presence of trees and their roots having a settling or lifting affect on the soil, or the effect of load bearing, e.g. heavy vehicles over a sustained period of time.

Cracking to this degree 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.

Repairs are likely to be required to prevent further cracking and to reduce hazards associated with cracking, such as tripping. Monitoring of all cracking should be conducted frequently. Always contact a building inspector should cracks widen, lengthen, or become more numerous.

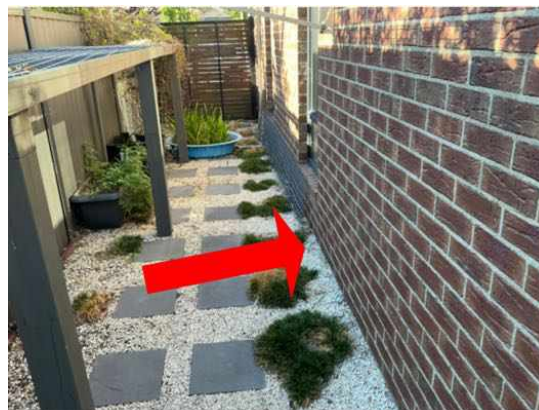


**Defects 3.14**

Building: Main Building  
Location: All External Areas  
Finding: Site drainage - Inadequate  
Information: The site drainage in the yards was found to be inadequate at the time of inspection, creating potential for subsequent water damage to associated building elements.

It is important that water does not lie against the base of walls; surrounding paths and ground levels should be sloped to drain water away from walls. Downpipes should not discharge stormwater onto lower walls or plinths. Stormwater should be carried away by large, regularly cleaned drains. Ground levels may need to be lowered to expose a buried DPC.

Where site drainage is inadequate, installation of an Agricultural (Aggie) Drain may be required. A qualified plumber should be appointed to further inspect the property and perform any remedial works as necessary. Water damage and secondary defects are likely to occur if left unmanaged.



### Defects 3.15

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All External Areas
Finding:	Window seals - deteriorated
Information:	The window seals have deteriorated and are in a generally poor condition. Due to frequent exposure to weather conditions and subsequent moisture, deterioration of window seals is expected in a property of this condition and age.

Where window seals have deteriorated, 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 recommended that all deteriorated window seals be replaced by a general handyman or sealant expert to prevent any further damage and to restore the window to a fully functional level.



### Defects 3.16

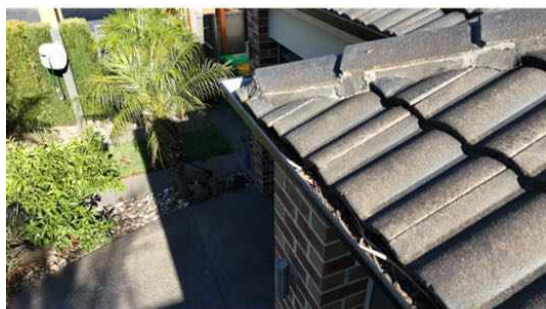
Building: Main Building  
 Location: Roof Exterior  
 Finding: Roof Tiles – Localised Repointing Required and Cracked Tile  
 Information:

The external roof tiles were observed to be in generally fair condition at the time of inspection. However, localised areas of the ridge tiles were noted to have deteriorated mortar pointing, indicating that repointing works are required in selected sections. In addition, one roof tile was observed to be cracked and previously repaired using silicone sealant.

Deteriorated ridge pointing may allow moisture ingress and reduce the long-term

durability of the ridge system. Silicone repair to a cracked roof tile is not considered a permanent or appropriate repair method and may fail over time, increasing the risk of water penetration into the roof space.

It is recommended that a qualified roofing contractor undertake localised repointing of affected ridge tiles using a suitable flexible pointing compound. The cracked roof tile should be replaced with a matching tile to ensure proper weatherproofing and long-term performance of the roof covering.



### Defects 3.17

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Gutters - Partially Blocked
Information:	Sections of the external gutters were partially blocked with debris, soil and leaves. 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 3.18

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All External Areas
Finding:	Insufficient Clearance to External Weep Holes
Information:	Inspection revealed that the external weep holes around the base of the external walls have insufficient clearance, with landscaping materials such as soil or stones positioned directly beneath or against them. Weep holes are essential for allowing moisture within the wall cavity to escape and for enabling ventilation of the internal wall space.

When weep holes are obstructed or have inadequate clearance, their function is compromised. This can result in moisture being trapped within the wall cavity, leading to potential structural deterioration, rising damp, or even termite ingress—especially in

timber-framed dwellings.

It is recommended that the landscaping be adjusted to ensure a minimum vertical clearance of at least 75mm below the lowest part of the weephole. This will allow for proper drainage and ventilation and help protect the structural integrity of the property.

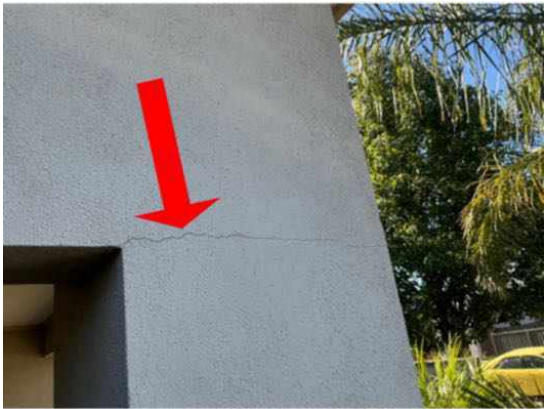


### Defects 3.19

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All External Areas
Finding:	Horizontal Cracking – Front Rendered External post
Information:	A horizontal crack was observed to the rendered finish of the front external post at the time of inspection. The cracking appears consistent with typical settlement and movement-related stress that commonly develops in rendered masonry surfaces over time.

Such cracking is generally associated with normal building movement, thermal expansion and contraction, and minor settlement. At the time of inspection, the crack does not appear structurally significant; however, cracks in render may allow moisture ingress if left unsealed, potentially leading to further deterioration of the finish.

If rectification is desired, a qualified renderer should be engaged to properly prepare the affected area, apply appropriate crack repair treatment, re-render as required, and repaint to achieve a uniform and weather-resistant finish. Ongoing monitoring is recommended to ensure the cracking does not progressively widen.



## 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

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

- Upon inspection, the 4-bedroom dwelling was found to be in fair condition relative to other buildings of a similar age. However, multiple maintenance defects were identified as listed in the body of this report that require urgent attention to prevent them from developing into more significant issues. It is crucial that these defects be addressed promptly to maintain the overall condition of the property.

It is strongly recommended that the client engage the appropriate qualified tradespeople, as outlined in the defect statements, to carry out the necessary repairs and maintenance as soon as possible.

Several obstructions and limitations were present at the time of inspection, restricting access and visibility in certain areas. These impediments affected the ability to conduct a fully comprehensive assessment. The client is advised to clear these obstructions and arrange a follow-up inspection to ensure all areas are thoroughly inspected.

## Disclaimer

This report is based on a visual inspection of accessible areas and is reflective of the conditions observed at the time of inspection. Some issues may not be visible or detectable due to existing obstructions, limitations, or the inherent nature of building materials and construction methods. As a visual inspection, this assessment is limited to the conditions observed during the inspection period, and as such, cannot account for potential changes or developments occurring after the inspection date. Once the inspection is complete and the report is issued, it should be noted that it represents the status of the property at that moment in time and may not reflect any subsequent changes.

Particularly regarding external elements such as concrete paving and outdoor drainage systems, evaluations are inherently limited when conducted in dry conditions, and it may not be possible to assess the complete drainage performance or identify water pooling issues that could become evident in periods of rainfall. Although a spirit level was used to check multiple areas of the paving for slope, this method cannot account for each and every point across the paving, nor can it replicate the effects of heavy rain. Thus, without rainfall during the inspection, any potential drainage issues or water pooling along the perimeter cannot be fully anticipated.

Furthermore, this report notes that various wet areas, such as showers, may not have been used for extended periods. While moisture testing was conducted at accessible locations, prolonged inactivity can obscure potential leaks or hidden defects, as some issues may only manifest after sustained use. Therefore, issues related to inactive wet areas may require ongoing observation over time to ensure that any potential problems can be identified and addressed.

Any recommendations provided herein are made to the best of professional judgment, based on current observations, and should not be considered exhaustive of all potential defects or maintenance needs. It is recommended that clients undertake regular inspections and proactive maintenance, particularly of exterior elements and areas exposed to environmental factors, to support the ongoing integrity of the property and to address potential issues that may arise under varying conditions. Regular professional evaluations can help ensure that the property's condition is maintained over time, especially as weather and usage patterns fluctuate.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Mohamed Khattab on: 0477 660 118

## Section D Significant Items

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

#### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All Areas  
 Finding: Obstructions and Limitations - Interior  
 Information: These photographs are an indication of the obstructions and limitations which impeded the inspection of the internal areas 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.



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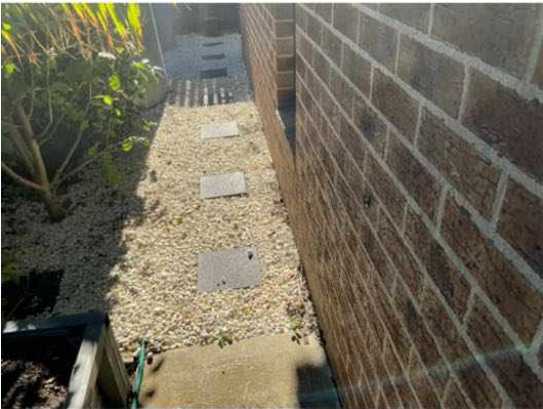
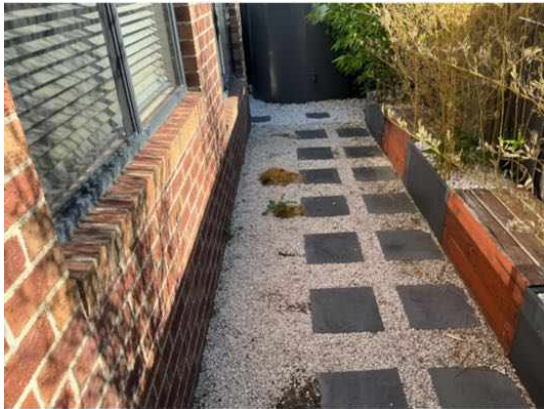
Building: Main Building  
 Location: Roof Void  
 Finding: Obstructions and Limitations - roof cavity  
 Information: These photographs are an indication of the obstructions and limitations which impeded the inspection of the roof cavity area of the property at the time of inspection.

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:	All External Areas
Finding:	Obstructions and Limitations - Exterior
Information:	These photographs are an indication of the obstructions and limitations which impeded the inspection of the external areas 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.



## 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.