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Building Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2026

Property Address: 6 Crane St, Berwick VIC 3806, Australia

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Special conditions or instructions

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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
Safety Hazard		✔
Major Defect		✔
Minor Defect	✔	

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	Slab on ground
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	4
Occupied	Unoccupied
Orientation	South
Other Building Elements	Driveway, Garage, Fence - Post and Rail Construction
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Skirting Boards, Window Frames, Internal Joinery, External Joinery, Doors, Architraves
Roof	Pitched, Timber Framed, Tiles
Storeys	Single
Walls	Brick Veneer (Timber Framed)
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.

- Interior

- Exterior

- Roof Exterior - Part

- Roof Void - Part

- The Site

- Wall Exterior

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.

- Site - Part.

- Roof Exterior - 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

- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection

- Ceiling linings

- Duct work

- External concrete or paving

- Debris in gutters

- Evidence of recently painted walls or ceilings

- External finished ground level

- Fixed ceilings

- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry

- Floor coverings

- Furniture

- Insulation

- Landscaping

- Rugs

- Wall linings

- Wallpaper or Wall Coverings

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

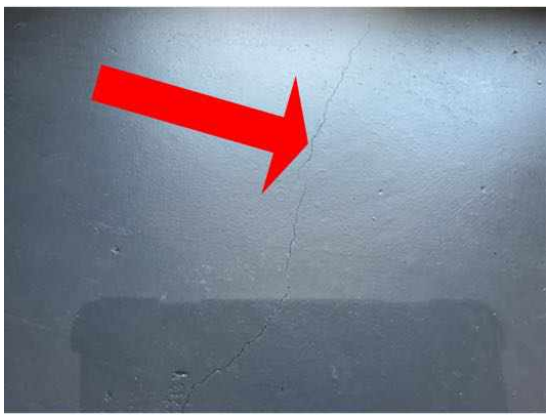
Major Defect

No evidence was found

Minor Defect

Defects 3.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Garage
Finding:	Noticeable cracks in concrete slab of the the garage floor
Information:	During the inspection, multiple noticeable cracks were identified in the concrete slab of the garage floor. These cracks vary in size and location, which may indicate underlying movement or stress within the slab. While they do not currently appear to significantly impact the structural integrity, their presence suggests potential early-stage deterioration. It is recommended that the cracks be monitored closely over the next 12 months. If any of the cracks widen or worsen during this period, it is critical to engage a structural engineer immediately to assess the situation and recommend appropriate rectification measures to prevent further damage and ensure the long-term stability of the structure.



Defects 3.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Garage
Finding:	Minor sagging in the ceiling - garage

Information:

Sections of the ceiling were found to be sagging slightly at the time of inspection. Sagging in 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. This is a very common defect in garages due to their lack of insulation and susceptibility to moisture. Condensation builds up in the roof and rests on the plasterboard, softening it somewhat, which makes it more likely to sag and release from its fixing points.

Where 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.

In some cases, sagging ceiling linings may also indicate that there are structural issues causing surfaces to warp, twist, or sag. Where sagging appears to be major, the appointment of a structural engineer is advised to further inspect the property and identify the source and rectification works required.

While damage is minimal at this stage, a licensed plasterboard contractor should be appointed to repair the ceiling. Insulating the area could be considered by the client once repaired.

Defects 3.03

Building: Main Building

Location: Ensuite - Master

Finding: Slow Drainage in En-Suite Vanity Sinks

Information: Upon inspection, the en-suite vanity sinks were found to have very slow drainage, resulting in water pooling within the basin during use. This issue is typically associated with a partial blockage within the sink drain, or excessive water flow which may lead to further plumbing complications if left unaddressed. Additionally, prolonged pooling of water can contribute to bacterial growth and potentially cause damage to surrounding cabinetry or surfaces due to excess moisture.

It is recommended that a licensed plumber be engaged to inspect and clear any obstructions within the drainage system as soon as possible to restore proper functionality and prevent further issues. Regular maintenance of sink drains is also advised to ensure efficient water flow.

Defects 3.04

Building: Main Building

Location: Ensuite - Master

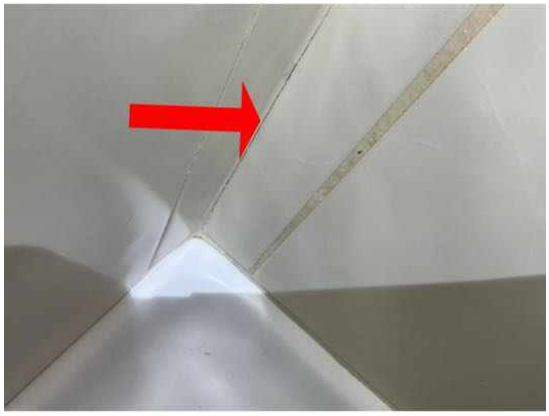
Finding: Degraded Sealant and Grout to Shower and Bathroom Areas

Information:

It was noted during the inspection that sealant and/or grout to the tiled shower alcove and other areas of the bathroom are degraded in places. This condition is common in wet areas due to regular exposure to moisture and the natural movement that occurs between different building materials and floor finishes.

Different materials expand and contract at different rates, which commonly results in cracking or separation of rigid grout at junctions. Flexible sealant is required at these locations to accommodate movement while maintaining a water-tight seal and protecting adjoining building materials from moisture ingress.

It is recommended that flexible, mould-resistant sealant be applied to the affected areas and that any deteriorated grout be repaired as required. Sealant and grout in wet areas are considered ongoing maintenance items and should be regularly inspected, maintained, and replaced as part of normal property upkeep. A sealant specialist or qualified tiling contractor should be engaged to complete these works as soon as practical. Minor areas may only require topping up; however, all affected joints should be thoroughly checked.



Defects 3.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bedroom - Master
Finding:	Door handle - Not latching
Information:	It was noted that the door the master bedroom 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 3.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bedrooms 3 & 4
Finding:	Door handles - Not latching

Information: It was noted that the doors to both bedroom 3 and 4 were 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: Bathroom 2

Finding: Sealant and grouting - Deteriorated

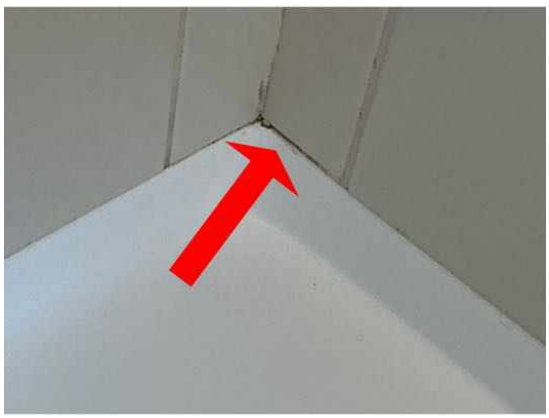
Information: It was noted on inspection that sealant or grout is degraded to the tiled shower alcove and or other areas of the bathroom.

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.

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: Bathroom 2 – Stiff and Difficult to Operate Basin Taps

Information:

During the inspection, the basin taps to Bathroom 2 were found to be stiff to operate and difficult to open and close. The taps did not rotate smoothly through their full range of movement, and a high water flow was released with minimal turning of the tap handle, indicating possible internal wear or deterioration of the tap mechanism.

This condition can reduce user control, place additional strain on the tap assembly, and may worsen over time, potentially leading to leakage or failure of internal components.

It is recommended that a licensed plumber be engaged to assess the condition of the taps and carry out repairs or replacement as required to restore smooth operation and proper flow control.

Defects 3.09

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 deteriated 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 3.10

Building: Main Building

Location: Bathroom 2

Finding: Noisy Exhaust Fan in bathroom 2

Information: The exhaust fan in the 2nd bathroom (general bathroom) is producing excessive noise during operation, which indicates a potential issue with its motor, fan blades, or overall mechanism. The unusual noise disrupts the intended function of the fan and may suggest that it is either clogged, in need of maintenance, or nearing the end of its

operational lifespan.

This issue may reduce the efficiency of the exhaust fan, leading to inadequate ventilation in the en-suite, which could contribute to moisture buildup and potential issues such as mold or mildew growth. A noisy fan is also generally less effective at expelling humid air, which could affect the overall air quality and comfort of the space.

It is recommended that a qualified technician inspect and service the exhaust fan to determine the cause of the noise. If necessary, the fan should be repaired or replaced to restore proper ventilation and ensure the en-suite remains well-ventilated and free of excess moisture.

Defects 3.11

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.

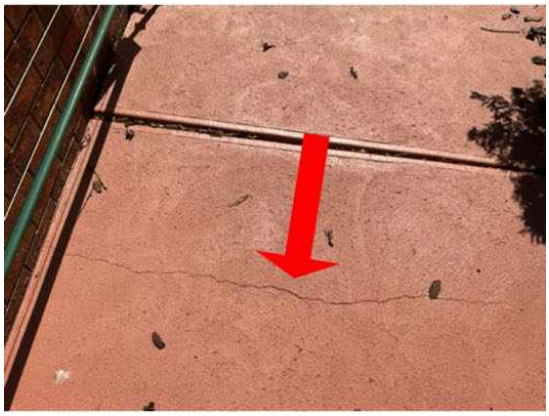
Defects 3.12

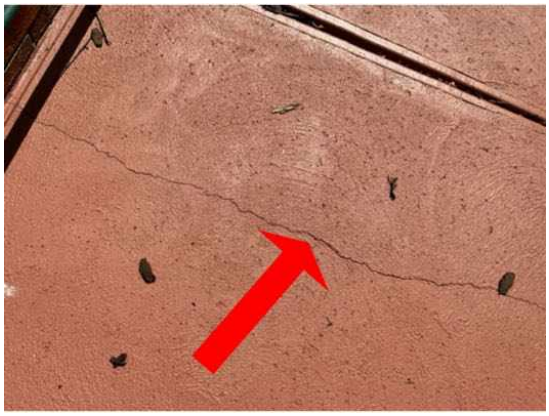
Building:	Main Building
Location:	All External Areas
Finding:	Cracking - Damage Category 2 - Noticeable (up to 5mm)
Information:	Noticeable cracks are a common occurrence as a result of many primary defects. Such causes may include age, general wear and tear, expected building movement, general expansion/contraction of building materials in different weather conditions, and/or minor failings in the installation or application of building materials.

Noticeable cracks may result in minor sticking or jamming of associated doors and windows, which require easement. However, noticeable cracks are easily filled and repaired. A plasterer can be consulted to install an expansion joint at this point to allow for this movement during different weather conditions.

Monitoring of all cracking should be conducted frequently. Always contact a building inspector should cracks widen, lengthen, or become more numerous. Additionally, your building inspector should also be contacted if associated building elements such as doors and windows become more difficult to operate over time.

Relevant tradespeople, such as carpenters, painters and plasterers, should be appointed to perform remedial works, as deemed necessary.





Defects 3.13

Building: Main Building

Location: Front Elevation

Finding: Site drainage - Inadequate

Information: The site drainage in sections of the front elevation 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 disgorge 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 3.14

Building: Main Building

Location: All External Areas

Finding: Brickwork - Deteriorated mortar

Information: Sections of the exterior mortar to the brickwork was deteriorated at the time of inspection. Mortar, or 'bedding', is the material which fills joins and intersections between bricks in masonry walls and structures. Sections of mortar in this brickwork were identified as having deteriorated, which is generally expected for a property of this age and condition.

Mortar may deteriorate as a result of age of building materials, minor movement of bricks, or frequent exposure to weathering. Mortar should be replaced to ensure that bricks remain in their intended location and to prevent gaps, which would allow water or moisture ingress and secondary damage as a result.

Mortar deterioration can be addressed by a bricklayer where areas of deterioration are localised and easily accessible. Alternatively, appointment of a registered builder is advised, to repoint large areas of decaying mortar. Where secondary structural defects have become evident, consultation with a structural engineer may be required.

Defects 3.15

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 3.16

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Pergola
Finding:	Detached Eaves Trim Near Pergola
Information:	

One of the eaves trims adjacent to the pergola area was found to be detached at the time of inspection. This appears to be a minor maintenance issue and is likely due to

fixings loosening over time or minor movement.

While this is not considered a major defect, the trim should be re-secured or replaced to ensure the eaves remain neatly finished and protected from weather exposure and pest entry. It is recommended that a suitably qualified handyman or carpenter attend to this item as part of routine maintenance.

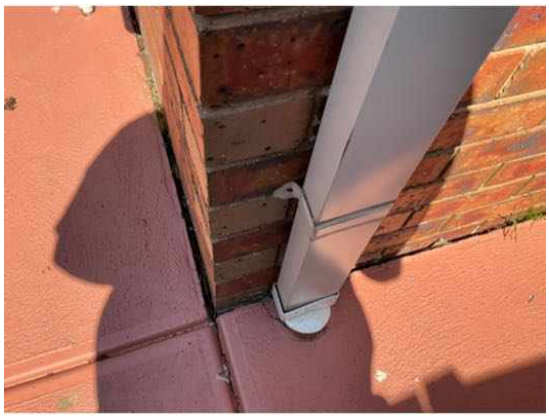
Defects 3.17

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All External Areas
Finding:	Gaps Between External Concrete Pathways and Exterior Walls
Information:	Noticeable gaps were observed between the external concrete pathways surrounding the house and the exterior walls. These openings present a potential pathway for water ingress during rainfall.

If rainwater penetrates through these gaps, it may lead to moisture accumulation beneath the slab and within the subfloor area, increasing the risk of structural damage and potential termite infestation.

It is recommended that a qualified caulking specialist be engaged to fill these gaps with a flexible, weatherproof sealant to prevent water ingress and help maintain the integrity of the building envelope. Timely remediation of these gaps will reduce the likelihood of associated structural and pest-related issues.



Defects 3.18

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All external areas
Finding:	Gaps Around External Window Frames
Information:	Multiple gaps were identified between the external window frames and the adjoining brickwork across several elevations. These gaps appear to be the result of either poor or inconsistent sealant application during installation, or deterioration of the original sealant over time. Unsealed or poorly sealed gaps can allow moisture ingress, wind-driven rain, draughts, and provide potential entry points for pests. Ongoing exposure to moisture may also contribute to internal dampness and premature deterioration of surrounding building elements. A qualified handyman or registered builder should apply a consistent, waterproof, flexible exterior-grade sealant around all affected windows to ensure adequate weatherproofing and protection against moisture and pest entry.





Defects 3.19

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All external areas
Finding:	Fencing - Deteriorated
Information:	It was noted at the time of inspection that sections of the fencing throughout the property have deteriorated and affected by wood rot. 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 and fungal decay. 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.

Defects 3.20

Building:	Main Building
Location:	gutters
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.

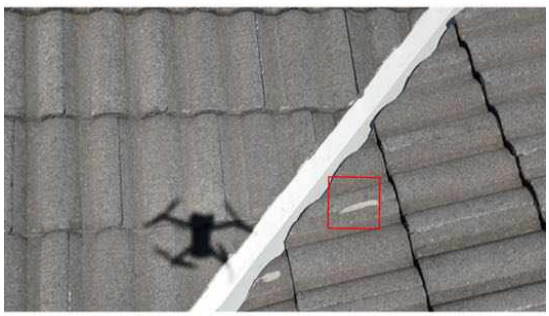
Consult a Licensed Plumber for further specific advice on remedial works that may be required. In the interim, it is highly advised that blocked gutters be removed by the homeowner or a general handyperson as a matter of urgency.

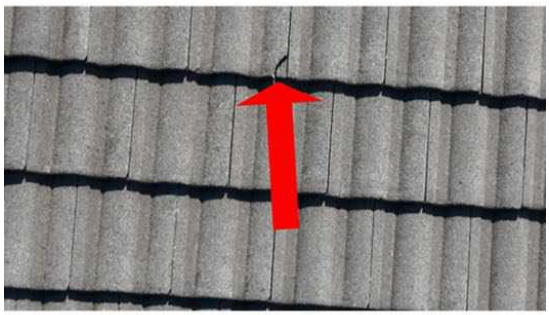
Defects 3.21

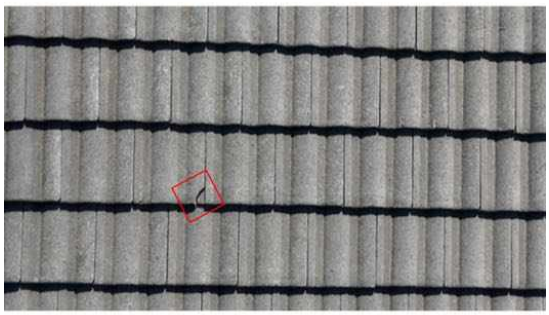
Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Roof tiles - Broken
Information:	Upon inspection of the exterior roof covering, broken roofing tiles were identified. Broken and friable roof tiles are generally the result of ageing and weathering of what is essentially a porous material.

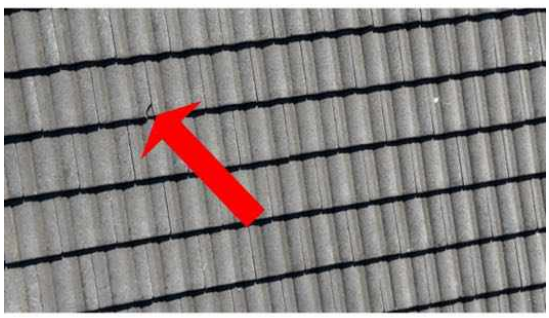
If left to further deteriorate, broken and brittle roof tiles are likely to lead to water penetration via the roof into the ceiling space, causing secondary damage to ceiling linings, insulation and roof structures. Broken roof tiles are also likely to detract from the effectiveness of the roof drainage system, creating potential for secondary damage to the exterior roof covering and roof plumbing.

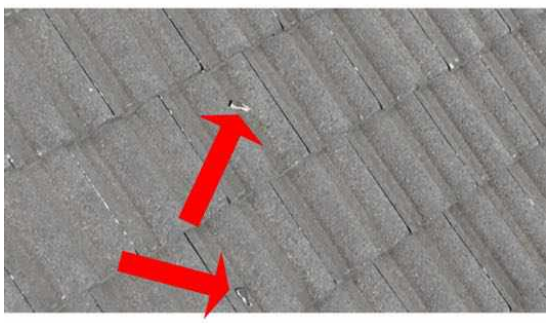
Replacement of broken tiles is required and should be performed by a roofing contractor as soon as possible.











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.

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.

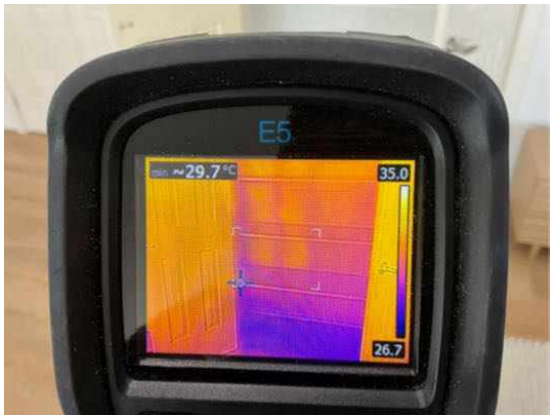
For further information, advice and clarification please contact Mohamed Khattab on: 0477 660 118

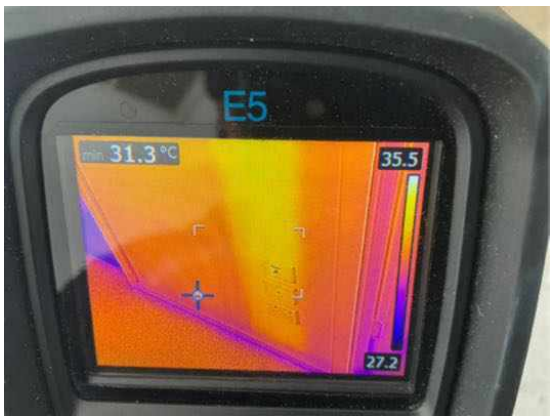
Section D Significant Items

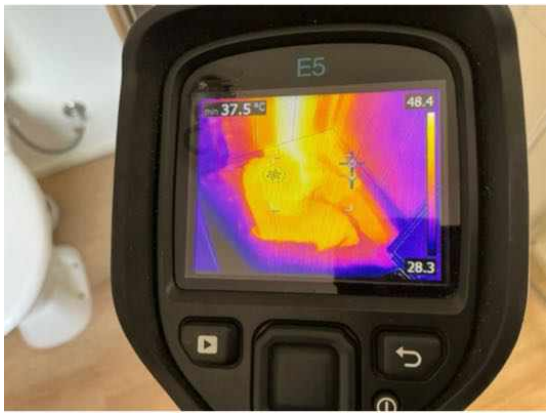
The following items were noted as - For your information

Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Additional Photos
Information:	Additional photos are provided for your general reference







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:	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.

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 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.
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.