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Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2026

Property Address: 7/32 Shoalhaven Heads Rd, Shoalhaven Heads NSW 2535, 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, 27 Jan 2026

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: Please read all defect statements and pictures in full to understand this report completely.

- The Pre- Inspection Agreement which includes the extent of reporting, limitations and exclusions must be read and agreed to prior to viewing this report.
- This report was commissioned for the sole use of the 'Client' and liability does not extend to any third parties. Any third party not named on page 3 of this report, acting or relying on this report, in whole or in part, does so entirely at their own risk.
- This report is only valid as at the date of the inspection, any defects found or incurred after this date

cannot be guaranteed.

THIS IS A VISUAL INSPECTION ONLY - limited to those areas and sections of the property fully accessible and visible to the Inspector on the date of Inspection. The inspection DID NOT include breaking apart, dismantling, removing or moving objects including, but not limited to, foliage, mouldings, roof insulation/ sisalation, floor or wall coverings, sidings, ceilings, floors, furnishings, appliances or personal possessions. The inspector CANNOT see inside walls, between floors, inside skillion roofing, behind stored goods in cupboards and other areas that are concealed or obstructed. The inspector DID NOT dig, gouge, force or perform any other invasive procedures. Visible timbers CAN NOT be destructively probed or hit without the written permission of the property owner.

When reading the report, please take note of the defect classifications, as per the definitions contained within

"AS 4349.1 - 2007 Inspection of buildings Part 1: Pre-Purchase inspections-Residential buildings", defects are classified accordingly within this report:

Please Note: With the External Timber Decks on the property, please be aware of its structural stability and capacity. The load capacity of the external timber balcony/deck can not be verified during the inspection.

External timber structures are also constantly exposed to weather elements and can deteriorate in an accelerated manner, ongoing assessments are required.

It is highly recommended that a Structural engineer further assess the external timber balcony/deck to inform the client of its load capacity. Regular maintenance inspections by competent practitioners is needed.

The overall condition outlined in this report is based solely on the areas that were accessible at the time of inspection. Any follow-up inspections or further advice recommended in this report should be arranged and carried out by the client as advised. The condition of the property, as stated in this report, may change if additional issues are identified during subsequent inspections.

The classification of any defects is based on the inspector's observations and professional judgment on the day of the inspection. These classifications may be revised as a result of further inspections conducted by the inspector, other qualified specialists, or the discovery of new information at any time following the initial inspection.

To help protect against financial loss, it is essential that the building owner immediately control or rectify any evidence of destructive timber pest activity or damage identified in this inspection report. The Client should further investigate any high risk area where access was not gained. It is strongly advised that appropriate steps be taken to remove, rectify or monitor any evidence of conditions conducive to timber pest attack.

To help minimise the risk of any future loss, the Client should consider the following options to further protect their investment against timber pest infestation;
Undertake thorough regular inspections at intervals not exceeding twelve months or more frequent inspections where the risk of timber pest attack is high or the building type is susceptible to attack. To further reduce the risk of subterranean termite attack implement a management program in accordance with Australian Standard AS 3660. This may include the installation of a monitoring and/or baiting system, or chemical and/or physical management system. However, AS 3660 stresses that

subterranean termites can bridge or breach management systems and inspection zones and that thorough regular inspections of the building are necessary.

There are a few factors limiting the ability of a Timber Pest Inspector to gain an accurate representation of Timber Pest activity. Timber Pests by their very nature are secretive and difficult to locate. They are often completely concealed by the linings and claddings of buildings and cannot be detected without intrusive and destructive inspection techniques that are not possible without written permission from the property owner.

This report should be read in its entirety, including all defect statements referenced by pictures in full, to understand the report completely. Should you have any difficulty in understanding anything contained within this report then you should contact the inspector and have the matter explained to you prior to acting on this report.

Due to no chemical termite management system installed, low clearance and poor or no access to some areas of the roof void and subfloor and the amount of limitations and obstructions (as listed in the front of the report), the risk of undetected defects is higher to these areas. A further invasive inspection to these areas is highly recommended and access be gained to all areas for a complete inspection of the property.

The installation of a post construction chemical termite management system is highly recommended to be installed as soon as possible. Consult a suitably qualified termite expert for further advice on installation types and pricing and check if your house insurance covers termite damage.

The rectification of any safety hazards and major defects should be attended to immediately, while the rectification of all the other defects in this report should be conducted as soon as possible so that they do not turn into bigger defects over time.

It is also highly recommended that a licensed Electrician & Plumber rectify any issues and check over any newly purchased property with the new owners to reduce any Electrical & Plumbing problems in the future and to instruct new owners on proper use, care and maintenance of all electrical & plumbing items to prolong the items life and safety and help to protect your investment for the future.

External Roof Coverings & Plumbing

The New South Wales area experiences major weather events annually. These periods of storms and torrential & driving rains from certain angles can overwhelm residential roofs, waterproofed areas, skylights, flashings & guttering causing water ingress into properties that other wise would not happen in normal rain conditions. Therefore no guarantee can be given against any future roof leak.

All roof coverings & plumbing, flashings, exterior guttering, box gutters and downpipes, even with gutter guard products installed, should remain free of all debris and possible blockages. Blockages may lead to pooling, accumulated water overflows, possible water ingress and the associated damage to adjoining building elements. Any areas of missing or aged/corroded guttering should be replaced.

- Water ingress can be common around chimneys, skylights, solar panels and flat roof sheeting, these areas should to be monitored.
- Any flat roofs and/ or waterproofed areas should be monitored.

A further inspection by a Licensed Roofing contractor is recommended to go over the complete roof covering and advise on the extent of replacement/ repair & maintenance items.

Section A Results of Inspection - summary

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

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

Overall Condition (Building)

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

Overall Condition (Timber Pest)

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

Section B General

General description of the property

Building Type	Residential
Company or Strata title	Unknown
Floor	Steel Columns, Piers - Concrete, Chipboard, Steel Floor framing, Timber walls & Roof framing
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	2
Occupied	Occupied
Orientation	North West
Other Building Elements	Carport, Driveway, Shed
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Architraves, Deck, Door Frames, Doors, Fascias, Floating Floor, Internal Joinery, Landscaping Timbers and Construction, Skirting Boards, Stair Railing, Staircase, Veranda Posts
Roof	Corrugated Iron (e.g. Colourbond), Pitched, Timber Framed
Storeys	Single
Walls	Timber Framed and Clad, Weatherboards
Weather	Fine

Section C Accessibility

Areas Inspected

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

- Exterior
- Interior
- Roof Exterior - Part
- Subfloor - Part
- Wall Exterior

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

Inaccessible Areas

The following areas were inaccessible:

- Areas of skillion or flat roof - no access
- Ceiling Cavity.
- Roof Exterior - Part
- Subfloor - Part.
- Subfloor due to lack of access.
- Wall exterior due to obstructions.

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

Obstructions and Limitations

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

- Appliances and equipment

- Areas of skillion or flat roof - no access
- Ceiling linings
- Decking
- External concrete or paving
- External finished ground level
- Fixed ceilings
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Floor coverings
- Furniture
- Gutter Guards
- Lack of clearance - subfloor
- Lack of suitable access or entry point
- Landscaping
- Overhanging vegetation
- Pipework
- Stored items
- Solar Panels
- Vegetation
- Wall linings

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

Undetected defect risk (Building)

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

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

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

Undetected defect risk (Timber Pest)

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

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

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

Section D Significant Items

Safety Hazard

Finding 1.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Deck - Front
Finding:	Handrail - Damaged (Loose posts and pickets - substandard bracing and fixings) SAFETY HAZARD
Information:	Breakage occurs generally when the building materials have either aged and decayed, or as a result of damage (accidental or deliberate).

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

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



Finding 1.02

Building: Main Building
 Location: Deck - Front
 Finding: Handrail Fixings - Rusted or corroded
 Information: This building element shows evidence of rusting and corrosion, which is likely to have developed as a result of excessive exposure to moisture and or inadequate coatings.

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

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

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



Finding 1.03

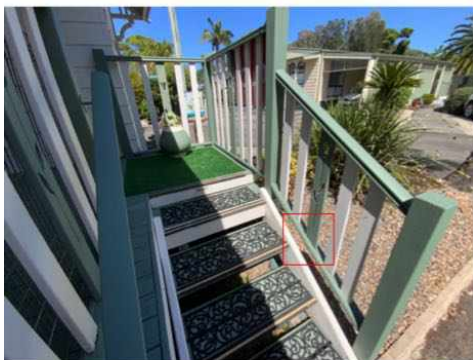
Building: Main Building
 Location: Deck - Front
 Finding: Wood rot to some timbers to the handrails
 Information: This building element shows evidence of wood rot. Wood rot, also known as Fungal

Decay, occurs when timbers and other cellulose building materials are exposed to damp conditions on an ongoing basis. This could be the result of exposure to weathering over a prolonged period of time, or the attraction of excessive moisture from other abutting building materials. Contributing factors also include poor air ventilation in the area.

Wood rot is often associated with general damp problems and is evidenced by a 'musty' smell or mould and mildew occurring on surfaces. If left unmanaged, damp conditions can lead to further health problems and the decay of timbers will continue.

Early intervention and regular maintenance, particularly of exterior timbers, will prolong the useful life of these building elements. Prior to any works being performed, the cause of the moisture that has created the visible wood rot should be identified and addressed in a suitable manner. Replacement of affected timbers may then be a necessary step in protecting surrounding building elements from such deterioration.

A qualified plumber may be appointed to assess the cause of excessive moisture and to provide advice on any remedial works as required. A qualified carpenter or registered builder may also be required to replace affected building materials.



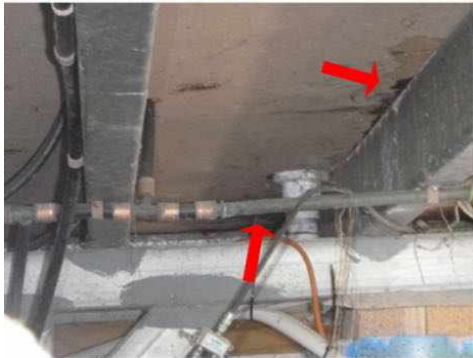
Major Defect

Finding 2.01

Building: Main Building
Location: Subfloor
Finding: Shower base - Leaking
Information: Leaking was evident to the shower base at the time of inspection. It is suspected that the leaking has occurred as a result of a failed waterproofing membrane, grouting and sealant to the shower base or general ageing of the building elements.

Leaking from the shower base, 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 tiling contractor or a sealant specialist company (like Megasealed or Tile Rescue) is required to repair or replace the shower base. Such works should be performed as soon as possible to ensure that no further damage occurs.





Minor Defect

Finding 3.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Wet Areas
Finding:	Sealant or Grout - Deteriorated, Missing or substandard installation
Information:	Sealant appears to be inadequate to these tiled areas. The different materials and floor areas move at different rates therefore cracking the grout at this point. A flexible sealant is required to allow for this expansion & contraction while keeping the joint water tight and without holes for long term care of all building materials.

Apply a flexible sealant to match the grout that is best suited to the purpose as per product specifications. Regular maintenance &/or replacement of damage or missing sealant is highly recommended to the kitchen benches/splashbacks, vanity top to wall/splashback, laundry tub edge/splashback, wet areas floor edges and the shower floor & wall corners for the long term care of your property.

A sealant specialist company (like Megasealed or Tile Rescue), builder, carpenter or tiling contractor (experienced in sealant applications) should be appointed to complete these works.

APPLYING SILICONE/SEALANT: (Or tips to do it yourself without a warranty)

As a main priority remove damaged grout where applicable and thoroughly clean the area from old sealant, grout and soap scum. (Mouldy sealant is usually caused by dirt & scum sitting behind the sealant from the sealant not sticking adequately to the dirty surfaces).

Apply masking tape to either side of the area to be siliconed and apply a flexible sealant to match the grout that is best suited to the purpose as per product specifications.

Cut sealant nozzle end to approximately 5mm hole diameter and Squeeze in. Push in

and wipe off excess silicone with your finger (lightly first to even out sealant and to push into gaps then push in harder the 2nd time), carefully peel off the masking tape, spray area with spray & wipe (or similar to avoid sealant smearing up the wall) then finally run your finger over the sealant to give a smooth final finish.

Regular maintenance &/or replacement of damage or missing sealant is highly recommended for the long term care of your property.





Finding 3.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	External paint to timbers - deteriorated
Information:	Much of the external paintwork including but not limited to external timbers and trims have been neglected and require attention to prepare and re-paint.

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

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

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





Finding 3.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Paint finish - Incomplete (a 2nd coat of paint is required)
Information:	The paint finish in this area was identified as being incomplete at the time of inspection.

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

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

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



Finding 3.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Yard - Front
Finding:	Wood rot to light post
Information:	This building element shows evidence of wood rot. Wood rot, also known as Fungal Decay, occurs when timbers and other cellulose building materials are exposed to damp conditions on an ongoing basis. This could be the result of exposure to weathering over a prolonged period of time, or the attraction of excessive moisture from other abutting building materials. Contributing factors also include poor air ventilation in the area.

Wood rot is often associated with general damp problems and is evidenced by a 'musty' smell or mould and mildew occurring on surfaces. If left unmanaged, damp conditions can lead to further health problems and the decay of timbers will continue.

Early intervention and regular maintenance, particularly of exterior timbers, will prolong the useful life of these building elements. Prior to any works being performed, the cause of the moisture that has created the visible wood rot should be identified and addressed in a suitable manner. Replacement of affected timbers may then be a necessary step in protecting surrounding building elements from such deterioration.

A qualified plumber may be appointed to assess the cause of excessive moisture and to provide advice on any remedial works as required. A qualified carpenter or registered builder may also be required to replace affected building materials.



Finding 3.05

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

If left unmanaged, water penetration to these areas may lead to subsequent water

damage, which is likely necessitate repair work to affected building elements.

A tiling contractor should be appointed to ensure that no further water damage occurs. The re-application of silicone and grouting throughout remaining tile work is also advised, to further protect the area against water penetration.

Where water penetration has led to water damage, appointment of a relevant tradesperson may be required to repair damaged building elements.



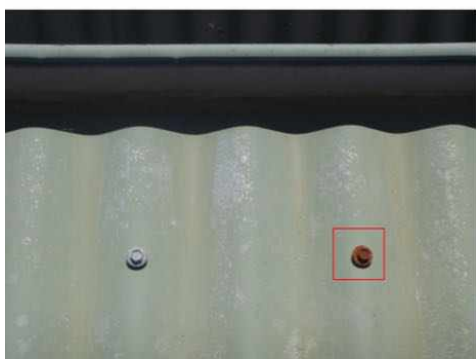
Finding 3.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Building element - Rusted or corroded (Roofing screws to some areas)
Information:	This building element shows evidence of rusting and corrosion, which is likely to have developed as a result of excessive exposure to moisture and or inadequate coatings.

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

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

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



Live Timber Pest Activity

No evidence was found

Timber Pest Damage

No evidence was found

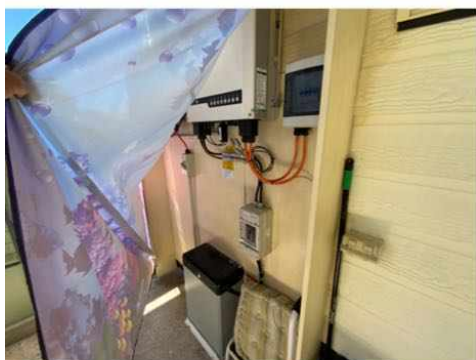
Conditions Conducive to Timber Pest Activity

Finding 6.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
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.

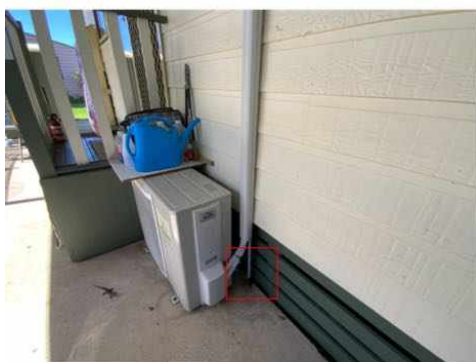


Finding 6.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
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.



Finding 6.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
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.



Finding 6.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Timber in ground contact
Information:	To reduce the risk of timber pest attack it is essential that timber used in a hazardous environment (e.g. in direct contact with the ground or frequently exposed to damp conditions) is of sufficient durability and/or is adequately preservative treated.

Untreated timbers in direct contact with the ground are likely to develop severe wood rot and/or fungal decay if left unattended creating attraction for subterranean termites to infest the timbers from surrounding areas.

If untreated or non-durable timbers are found to be in a hazardous environment it is highly advised that replacement of these building elements be performed as soon as possible to aid the protection of the property against termite / timber pest attack.



Finding 6.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Subfloor
Finding:	Evidence of excessive moisture was present at the time of inspection (Leaking Shower)
Information:	Excessive moisture can attract termites and produce conditions that promote termite attack fungal growth and wood decay.

Excessive moisture is generally caused by deteriorated inadequate or missing roof drainage, leaking plumbing pipes or fixtures, poorly plumbed HWS overflows or condenser units and poor site drainage.

It is highly recommended that all plumbing and drainage fixtures and fittings be maintained regularly in order to prevent excessive moisture being present in the external / internal property.





Finding 6.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Trees within 50m of the property
Information:	Trees within 50m of the property can be conducive to termite activity. It is recommended an invasive inspection of all trees with 50m to the property be carried out by a qualified pest control expert.



Evidence of fungal decay activity and/or damage

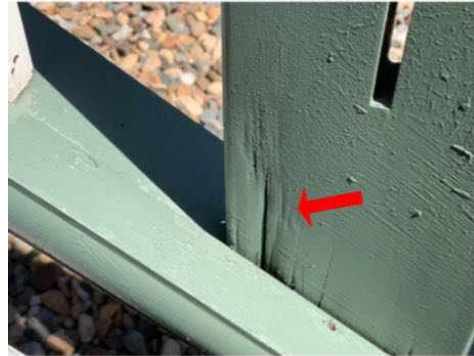
Finding 7.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Fungal decay - present (localised)
Information:	Fungal decay also known as wood decay or wood rot generally refers to the deterioration of timber elements when in contact with excessive levels of moisture for a prolonged period of time.

The development of fungal decay is accelerated by temperatures in the range of 5degreeC to 40degreeC as well as the presence of oxygen. Generally fungal decay

develops on timber elements that are in use in an external environment which are exposed to rain penetration.

In this case although the affected timber element is in a decaying state the extent of any visible damage appears to be localised to a specific area and is yet to spread to other parts of the building element or affect adjoining structures. The fungal decay is therefore likely to be of a relatively superficial nature with minimal impact on the structural integrity or tensile strength of the timber element.



Finding 7.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Subfloor
Finding:	Fungal decay - present (Leaking Shower)
Information:	Fungal decay also known as wood decay or wood rot generally refers to the deterioration of timber elements when in contact with excessive levels of moisture for a prolonged period of time.

The development of fungal decay is accelerated by temperatures in the range of 5degreeC to 40degreeC as well as the presence of oxygen. Generally fungal decay develops on timber elements that are in use in an external environment which are exposed to rain penetration.

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any visible damage appears to be localised to a specific area and is yet to spread to other parts of the building element or affect adjoining structures. The fungal decay is therefore likely to be of a relatively superficial nature with minimal impact on the structural integrity or tensile strength of the timber element.



Evidence of wood borer activity and/or damage

No evidence was found

Section D Significant Items

D4 Further Inspections

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

- Termite and Timber Pest Technician / Licensed Pest Controller
- Licensed Plumber
- Licensed Electrician
- Damp Proofing Specialist

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

D5 Conclusion - Assessment of overall condition of property

- BUILDING

The building compared to others of a similar age and construction appears to be mostly in good condition. It does however have safety hazards, a major defect and some minor maintenance issues that will require attention and remedial maintenance. Left unmanaged some of these defects may become costly in the future and develop into more major defects over time.

Please be aware that limitation's did affect the inspection and areas of low clearance and poor access meant a complete inspection of the subfloor was not possible and raked ceilings meant there was no roof void, areas of furniture, stored items and garden vegetation meant some areas was obstructed.

Definition of a Major Defect (AS 4349.1-2007)

A major defect is a defect of significant magnitude where, in the inspector's opinion:

Rectification has to be carried out in order to avoid unsafe conditions, loss of utility, or further deterioration of the property.

TIMBER PEST

Due to the degree of risk of subterranean termite infestation, we strongly recommend that a full chemical termite management system be installed to the property and inspections in accordance with AS 4349.3 or AS 3660.2:2017 is conducted at this property not exceeding 12 months (or as otherwise recommended by the pest control company installing the system).

Note: Regular inspections WILL NOT stop timber pest infestation; however, the damage which may be

caused will be reduced when the infestation is found at an early stage.

In an attempt to identify the presence of hidden timber pest activity, a variety of techniques are adopted to identify irregularities including, a moisture meter reading of susceptible areas, sounding of timber elements using a tapping device, visual assessment of materials affected by moisture or signs of deformity, mud trails and bridging constructed by termites, irregular and regular shaped holes in timber elements indicating pest destruction.

Termite activity generates high temperatures and moisture and if this irregularity is found it can be grounds for further investigation.

Wall paneling, wall paper, carpet and fixed cabinetry can obscure termite activity.

Please be aware evidence of termites, including damage, may be present to concealed and inaccessible timbers, and would only be found if exposed by invasive means.

Trees and stumps, where present, have been visually inspected up to a 2 meter height where possible and practicable, for evidence of termite activity.

It is very difficult, and generally not possible to locate termite nests when they are underground and if within trees they are usually well concealed. We therefore strongly recommend trees and stumps be test drilled for evidence of termite nests.

There are a few factors limiting the ability of a Timber Pest Inspector to gain an accurate representation of Timber Pest activity. Timber Pests by their very nature are secretive and difficult to locate. They are often completely concealed by the linings and claddings of buildings and cannot be detected without intrusive and destructive inspection techniques that are not possible without written permission from the property owner.

The presence of Timber Pests can often only be determined by repeated inspections carried out over a period of time. Furthermore, it is never possible to conclusively determine that a property is free of Timber Pests.

If no evidence of termites was found at this inspection be aware that at the initial stages of a termite attack, there is often no evidence that an attack has commenced such evidence may only become apparent sometime after the attack has commenced.

The client must be aware that any renovations or further invasive inspections may highlight damage which was not immediately accessible or seen by either immediate or implied damage. This could include mould, rot, corrosion, or various pest activities including termites.

The Timber Pest inspection is looking at the subject property at a moment in time. This inspection does not have the benefit of knowing the property history.

Timber Pests are not static but dynamic and can often infest properties in a remarkably short space of time. Therefore, a Timber Pest inspection is not a guarantee that a property does not have or will not sustain Timber Pest attack or damage. Pests other than those defined as "Timber Pests" are not included and are not reported upon.

Many buildings have areas where termites can gain concealed entry to the structure and cannot be detected by the inspection. This is important for the purchaser to consider in the ongoing management of Timber Pests at the property.

As the inspection can only report details of what was found on the day of the inspection, we strongly recommend that should you find evidence of new termite workings or damage prior to the next recommended Inspection you should contact a pest controller immediately.

Inspections may not stop timber pest infestations, however the damage which may be caused will be reduced if found at an early stage.

The Client must acknowledge that Timber Pest infestation risk is never zero. Even buildings and properties that have low risk of Timber Pest infestation can still be attacked and damaged by Timber Pests. Attack of buildings by Timber Pests is normal and not uncommon.

The application of a subterranean termite treatment in accordance with Australian Standard AS3660.3 is highly recommended for all properties. Such barriers are highly effective in preventing termite attack on any timber building elements throughout the property.

Termite management systems are intended to force termites into all zones where their presence can be seen. Termite management systems are important and beneficial in the early detection of termites during regular maintenance inspections.

Owners must be proactive in the decision-making process. And most importantly, they must ensure they arrange for appropriately licensed and qualified operators to carry out regular inspections.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED WHERE APPLICABLE:

- Install a Post-Construction Chemical Termite management system to the property (consult a suitably qualified termite expert for advice).
- No evidence of annual inspections have been carried out as recommended on every property.
- Access should be gained to the subfloor to allow a complete inspection of the property.
- Remove, replace or treat any non-treated timbers in direct contact with the ground.
- Repair and monitor any water leaks and areas of excessive moisture.
- Treat, repair or replace any Fungal decay/wood rot found on the property.
- Clean and flush out blocked guttering regularly.
- Connect the HWS & A/C overflows to storm water or away from the edge of the building (minimum 1m).

- Trees over 100mm diameter on the property should be drilled and tested for termite activity.
- Regular inspections every 6-12 months (or as advised by the termite management system installer)

Additional information:

- Trees nearby on other properties could not be inspected.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Ben Monaghan on: 0416 033 472

Section D Significant Items

The following items were noted as - For your information

Noted Item

Building: Main Building
Location: Roof Exterior
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.

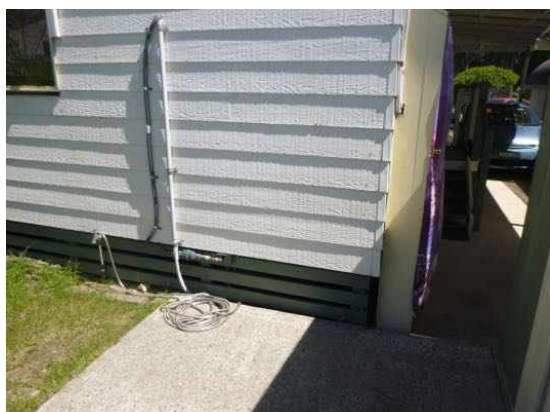




Noted Item

Building: Main Building
Location: Subfloor
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:	All Areas
Finding:	Additional Photos - Obstructions and Limitations
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Noted Item

Building: Main Building
 Location: All Wet Areas
 Finding: Water Proofing Membranes - Information Only
 Information: Internal Water Proofing Membranes, are crucial in preventing water ingress into the property is important to know that the Membrane System used is to Australian Standards and has been installed correctly.

Please refer to the original Building Documents or Maintenance Schedule for the relevant information including;

- Membrane used and Manufacturers Specifications.
- The Installer and Installation Certification.

With older property's where this information is unavailable all wet areas should be monitored. Generally waterproofing certificates are only valid for approximately 7-8yrs. If any leaks, water staining, peeling or bubbling of the paint become evident to any adjacent walls or ceilings below a licensed builder or waterproofing specialist is recommended to investigate further.



Noted Item

Building: Main Building
Location: All Areas
Finding: Additional Photos
Information:

Additional photos are provided for your general reference. Arrows have been included to highlight areas of importance. Please discuss these photos with your building consultant for clarification.



Definitions to help you better understand this report

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

	out in order to avoid unsafe conditions, loss of utility or further deterioration of the property.
Methamphetamine	An amphetamine-type stimulant that is highly addictive. Methamphetamine is a controlled substance, classified as a Class A (very high-risk) drug under the Misuse of Drug Act. This term is used as a grouping term to include all substances screened for, specifically: Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, Amphetamine, Methamphetamine, MDA and MDMA.
Methamphetamine contamination	A property or part of a property where the level of methamphetamine has been tested in accordance with this standard and found to exceed 0.5 micrograms/100 cm ² (Residential) or 10 micrograms/100 cm ² (Commercial).
Methamphetamine production/manufacture	The manufacture of methamphetamine, including processing, packaging, and storage of methamphetamine and associated chemicals.
Minor defect	A defect other than a major defect.
Roof space/Roof void	Space between the roof covering and the ceiling immediately below the roof covering.
Screening assessment	An assessment by a screening sampler to determine whether or not methamphetamine is present.
Serviceability defect	Fault or deviation from the intended serviceability performance of a building element.
Significant item	An item that is to be reported in accordance with the scope of the inspection.
Site	Allotment of land on which a building stands or is to be erected.
Structural defect	Fault or deviation from the intended structural performance of a building element.
Structural element	Physically distinguishable part of a structure. NOTE: For example wall, columns, beam, connection.
Subfloor space	Space between the underside of a suspended floor and the ground.
Subterranean Termite Management Proposal	A written proposal in accordance with Australian Standard AS 3660.2 to treat a known subterranean termite infestation and/or manage the risk of concealed subterranean termite access to buildings and structures.
Termites	Wood destroying insects belonging to the order 'Isoptera' which commonly attack seasoned timber.
Tests	Additional attention to the visual examination was given to those accessible areas which the consultant's experience has shown to be

particularly susceptible to attack by Termites. Instrument Testing of those areas and other visible accessible timbers/materials/areas showing evidence of attack was performed.

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

Terms on which this report was prepared

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

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

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

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

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

RELIANCE AND DISCLOSURE

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

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

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

UNDETECTED DEFECT RISK RATING

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

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

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MOISTURE

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

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

MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTY

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

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

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

NO CERTIFICATION

- a) The Property has been compared to others of a similar age, construction type and method that had an acceptable level of basic maintenance completed.
- b) We don't advise you about title, ownership or other legal matters like easements, restrictions, covenants and planning laws. None of our inspections constitutes approval by a Building Surveyor, a certificate of occupancy or compliance with any law, regulation or standard, including any comment on whether the Property complies with current Australian Standards, Building Regulations or other legislative requirements.

RECTIFICATION COSTS

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