



Building Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Fri, 13 Mar 2026

Property Address: 97 Emberwood Rd, Warragul VIC 3820,
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: Fri, 13 Mar 2026

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The Parties

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Special conditions or instructions

A report may be conditional on information provided by the person, agents or employees of the person requesting the report, apparent concealment of possible defects and a range of other factors

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

Section A Results of Inspection - summary

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

	Found	Not Found
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	Concrete, Slab on ground
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	4
Occupied	Occupied
Orientation	East
Other Building Elements	Driveway, Garage, Fence - Post and Rail Construction
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Architraves, Door Frames, Doors, External Joinery, Internal Joinery, Skirting Boards, Window Frames
Roof	Pitched, Timber Framed, Corrugated Iron (e.g. Colourbond)
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
- The Site
- Wall Exterior
- Roof Void - Part

The inspection excludes areas which are affected by obstructions or where access is limited or unsafe. We do not move obstructions and building defects may not be obvious unless obstructions or unsafe conditions are removed to provide access.

Inaccessible Areas

The following areas were inaccessible:

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

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

Obstructions and Limitations

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

- Above safe working height
- Appliances and equipment

- Ceiling linings
- Duct work
- External concrete or paving
- External finished ground level
- Furniture
- Floor coverings
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Fixed ceilings
- Insulation
- Landscaping
- Rugs
- Solar Panels
- Stored items
- 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: Garage door sill - weathered
 Information: The door sill at the bottom of the garage door shows signs of weathering, indicating exposure to moisture and the elements. This deterioration may compromise the integrity of the door and affect its overall functionality.

If left unaddressed, continued weathering could lead to further damage, including warping or rotting of the timber, which may necessitate costly repairs or replacement.

It is recommended to assess the condition of the door sill and consider applying a suitable weatherproofing treatment or replacing the affected section to restore its durability and appearance.



Defects 3.02

Building: Main Building
 Location: Exterior walls - front
 Finding: Rendered Over Expansion Joint
 Information: The external expansion joint at the front elevation of the dwelling has been rendered

over, obstructing the intended movement allowance of the joint. Expansion joints are designed to accommodate natural movement within the structure due to thermal expansion and contraction, and obstructing them may compromise this functionality.

When these joints are covered by rigid finishes such as render, the ability of the structure to move freely is reduced. This can lead to cracking in the render or adjacent building elements over time, and may also contribute to moisture ingress if movement causes gaps or fractures in the render.

It is recommended that the rendered-over section be carefully removed to expose the expansion joint, and the joint reinstated with an appropriate flexible sealant or control joint system to ensure it continues to function as intended.



Defects 3.03

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

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

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



Defects 3.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite - Master
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 3.05

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

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

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



Defects 3.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite - Master
Finding:	Towel holder - Loose

Information: Upon visual inspection, we found that the towel holder in the master en-suite is loose. This condition may affect its functionality and could lead to further damage if not addressed.

Re-tightening or replacement of these fixtures is advised to ensure proper use and prevent any subsequent issues. A relevant tradesperson may be appointed to perform these works at the client's discretion.



Defects 3.07

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

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



Defects 3.08

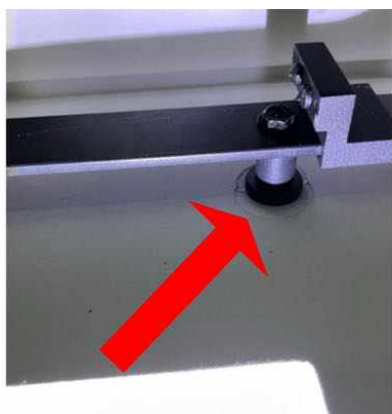
Building: Main Building

Location: Bedroom - Master
 Finding: Minor Plaster Damage Above Opening – Master Bedroom to Walk-in Robe
 Information:

Minor damage to the plasterboard was observed above the opening between the master bedroom and the walk-in robe at the time of the inspection. The damage appears to be associated with the installation of a sliding door track in this location, where the plasterboard has been slightly chipped and uneven around the track area.

If left unrectified, the damaged plaster may affect the visual finish of the opening and may deteriorate further over time if the area is subjected to movement or continued use.

It is recommended that a qualified plasterer attend the property to repair the affected plasterboard area, including patching, sanding, and refinishing the surface to achieve a smooth and uniform finish consistent with the surrounding wall and ceiling surfaces.



Defects 3.09

Building: Main Building
 Location: Bathroom 2
 Finding: Dampness Detected in Shower Alcove
 Information: Upon inspection, dampness was evident along the lower 300mm of the wall in the shower alcove. A moisture meter was used to assess the area, and excessive moisture readings were detected at the bottom tiles of the shower. This defect is commonly caused by moisture permeating through deteriorated grouting in the area, with leaking pipes within the adjoining wall also being a potential contributing factor.

Damp (or structural damp) refers to the presence of unwanted moisture in the structure of a building, typically due to water intrusion from external sources or condensation from within. In this case, moisture is likely entering through compromised grout, or possibly from leaking pipes behind the wall.

If left unaddressed, damp conditions in the shower recess can lead to the formation of mould and fungi, which could decay associated building materials and compromise their structural integrity. The World Health Organisation has noted that excess

moisture promotes the growth of microbes such as moulds, fungi, and bacteria, which release spores and other contaminants into the air, potentially leading to a variety of respiratory and health-related issues.

It is strongly recommended that a licensed plumber or bathroom specialist be engaged immediately to identify the source of the moisture and carry out necessary repairs. If mould growth is present, further inspection by an environmental health inspector should also be considered to assess the extent of the contamination.

To prevent future issues, it is essential that the sealant and grout in the shower area are maintained in good condition.



Defects 3.10

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom 2
Finding:	Towel rail - loose
Information:	The towel rail was found to be loose at the time of inspection. While not a major operational defect, function can deteriorate if the problem is left unmanaged.

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



Defects 3.11

Building: Main Building
Location: All External Areas
Finding: Weep holes - Blocked
Information: It was noted during the time of inspection that some of the weep holes to the brickwork were blocked. Weep holes are designed to allow water from leaks or seepages in brickwork to be directed to the external environment, prior to entering the wall cavity or associated building materials. Weep holes should therefore be kept clean and free of debris or blockages.

Blocked weep holes are likely to result in the presence of excessive moisture within the brickwork and associated structures, creating potential for water damage and moisture problems.

Depending on the nature of the blockage, the homeowner may be able to undertake remedial works to remove blockages. Alternatively, appointment of a registered builder may be required to remove blockages. Preventative works are necessary in ensuring the structural integrity of the affected brickwork and should be performed as soon as possible.



Defects 3.12

Building: Main Building

Location: All Internal Areas

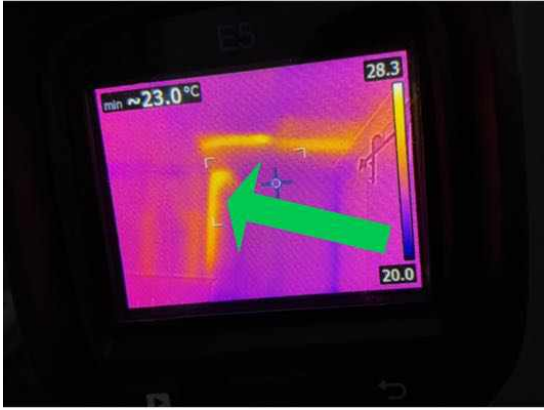
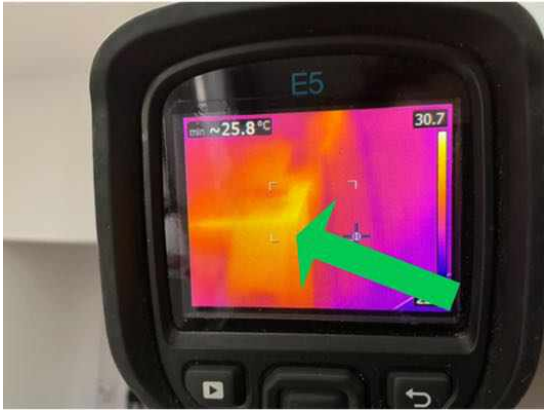
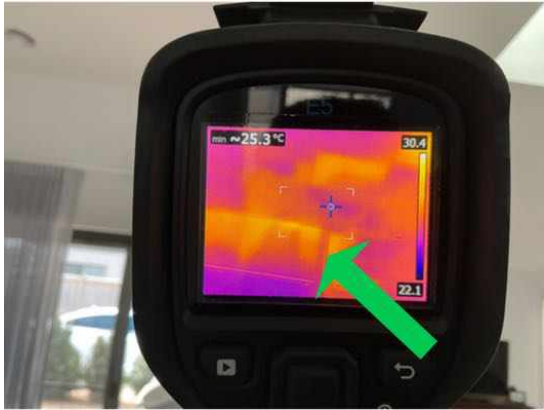
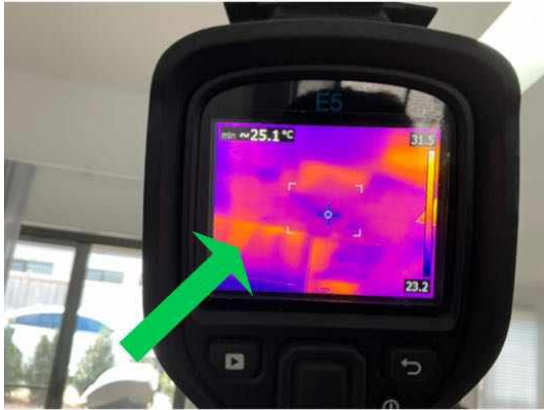
Finding: Inconsistent Thermal Performance to Ceiling Areas – Suspected Insulation Deficiencies

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 3.13

Building: Main Building
 Location: Shed
 Finding: Leaking Urinal Water Supply
 Information:

The urinal located within the external toilet area in the shed was observed to be continuously dripping water at the time of inspection. Water appeared to be leaking from the pipework connected to the urinal, resulting in a constant drip into the fixture.

Continuous leakage may lead to unnecessary water wastage and may also contribute to staining, deterioration of surrounding surfaces, or increased moisture in the area over time if not addressed.

It is recommended that a licensed plumber attend the property to inspect the urinal water supply pipework and associated fittings, identify the source of the leak, and carry out the necessary repairs or replacement of defective components to ensure the fixture operates correctly without ongoing leakage.



Defects 3.14

Building: Main Building
 Location: Roof Void
 Finding: Sarking - Missing
 Information: Sarking is missing under the roof sheeting. Sarking acts as an insulator that helps with

noise reduction and protects against water penetration. Sarking plays a key role in the operation and function of the overall roofing structure and its performance.

Although not a requirement at the time of construction, replacement of any missing building element is advisable (although this can be quite expensive to do after the time of construction). Where sarking is missing, regular inspections of the roof sheets and potential moisture penetration is required.

Sarking may be retrospectively fitted by a registered builder at the discretion of the client.



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:	Toilet (WC)
Finding:	Additional structure built without a permit (Suspected) - FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY (NOT A Defect)
Information:	The shed structure / the additional living space along with the installed toilet, sinks and urinal on the rear side of the house are suspected to have been constructed without a building permit. A building permit would be required for the structure.

There are many components of your construction which will likely require you to obtain a permit. The Victorian building authority states that a permit is required for the following. -

- A permit is required for any closed roofed structure such as a steel or acrylic roof pergola.
- Footings, and specifically their depth, construction and ability to cope with the load of the deck or pergola roof.
- Any structures attached to the house.
- Structures located high up where there may be a need for a fence or rail to prevent falling injuries.

People incorrectly state that if a structure has been built for seven years without a permit then a permit is no longer required. This is not the case, whether it has been built for two years or ten years, a permit will still be required. The reality is that Shire Councils file all building plans of a dwelling for seven years. After seven years they archive these plans in another storage facility and a cost is involved with retrieving these plans.

The possibility of the Shire investigating a structure built without a permit after seven years is minimal. Neighbour disputes are the most common way for councils to be alerted to structures built without a permit.

In the event that the local council does become aware of this structure being built without a permit the responsibility falls on the current owner of the property. The council will then offer 2 alternatives 1/ Obtain the necessary permit for the structure or 2/ Remove the structure. (Fines can also be issued)

It is highly advised to request that the current owner provide a Defect report (Owner Builder/Section 137b) for this structure. This would involve a structural engineer or a

licenced building surveyor conducting an inspection of the structure and advising of any defects and/or areas of non-compliance in accordance with the current building codes. The current owner should then attend to any issues on this report prior to settlement.

This report does not constitute a building permit but will simplify the process of obtaining a permit, should one be required in the future.



Noted Item

Building: Main Building
Location: All External Areas

Finding: Obstructions and Limitations - Exterior

Information: These photographs are an indication of the obstructions and limitations which impeded the inspection of the external areas of the property at the time of inspection. These obstructions can hide an array of defects and should be removed to allow full inspection to be carried out. A re-inspection is recommended once the areas are made accessible.



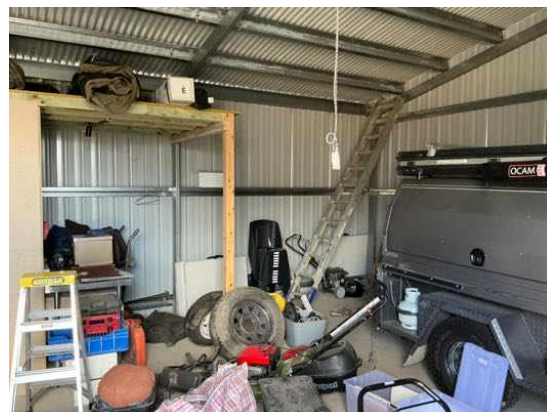
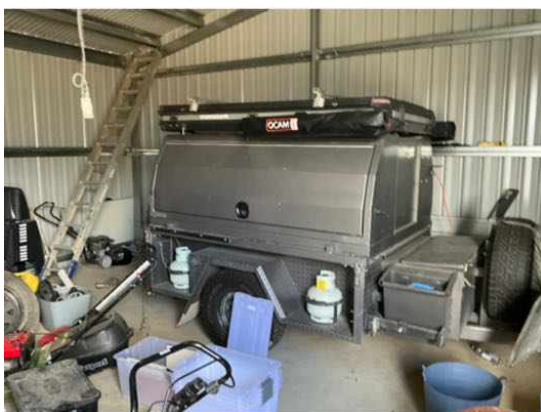
Noted Item

Building: Main Building

Location: All Internal Areas

Finding: Obstructions and Limitations - Interior

Information: These photographs are an indication of the obstructions and limitations which impeded the inspection of the internal areas of the property at the time of inspection. These obstructions can hide an array of defects and should be removed to allow full inspection to be carried out. A re-inspection is recommended once the areas are made accessible.



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.



Noted Item

Building: Main Building
 Location: Roof Void
 Finding: Roof Void Ventilation – Advisory
 Information:

For your information, the roof void was noted to have one whirlybird ventilation unit installed at the time of inspection. While this provides a level of ventilation to the roof space, additional ventilation may further assist in improving air circulation within the roof void.

Improving ventilation in the roof void can help reduce heat build-up and promote better airflow, particularly during warmer periods, which may assist in maintaining a more balanced roof space environment.

The client may consider installing one or two additional roof ventilation units (such as whirlybirds) to further improve ventilation. This recommendation is advisory only and

can be undertaken at the client's discretion if they wish to enhance the ventilation performance of the roof space.



Definitions to help you better understand this report

Access hole (cover)	An opening in flooring or ceiling or other parts of a structure (such as service hatch, removable panel) to allow for entry to carry out an inspection, maintenance or repair.
Accessible area	An area of the site where sufficient, safe and reasonable access is available to allow inspection within the scope of the inspection.
Appearance defect	Fault or deviation from the intended appearance of a building element.
Asbestos-Containing Material (ACM)	Asbestos-containing material (ACM) means any material or thing that, as part of its design, contains asbestos.
Building element	A portion of a building that, by itself or in combination with other such parts, fulfils a characteristic function. NOTE: For example supporting, enclosing, furnishing or servicing building space.
Client	The person or other entity for whom the inspection is being carried out.
Defect	Fault or deviation from the intended condition of a material, assembly, or component.
Detailed assessment	An assessment by an accredited sampler to determine the extent and magnitude of methamphetamine contamination in a property.
Inspection	Close and careful scrutiny of a building carried out without dismantling, in order to arrive at a reliable conclusion as to the condition of the building.
Inspector	Person or organisation responsible for carrying out the inspection.
Limitation	Any factor that prevents full or proper inspection of the building.
Major defect	A defect of sufficient magnitude where rectification has to be carried out in order to avoid unsafe conditions, loss of utility or further deterioration of the property.
Methamphetamine	An amphetamine-type stimulant that is highly addictive. Methamphetamine is a controlled substance, classified as a Class A (very high-risk) drug under the Misuse of Drug Act. This term is used as a grouping term to include all substances screened for, specifically: Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, Amphetamine, Methamphetamine, MDA and MDMA.
Methamphetamine contamination	A property or part of a property where the level of methamphetamine has been tested in accordance with this standard and found to exceed 0.5 micrograms/100 cm 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.
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.