



# Building Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Fri, 27 Mar 2026

Property Address: 39 Dawn St, Highett VIC 3190, Australia



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Terms on which this report was prepared

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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, 27 Mar 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: Not Applicable

## Section A Results of Inspection - summary

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

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

### Overall Condition

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

## Section B General

### General description of the property

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Building Type	Residential
Company or Strata title	No
Floor	Concrete Stumps, Suspended Timber Frame
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	4
Occupied	Unoccupied
Orientation	South
Other Building Elements	Garage, Pergola
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Floorboards, Internal Joinery, Skirting Boards
Roof	Pitched, Tiled, Timber Framed
Storeys	Single
Walls	Brick Veneer
Weather	Overcast

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## Section C Accessibility

### Areas Inspected

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

- Interior
- Exterior

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

### Inaccessible Areas

The following areas were inaccessible:

- Areas of skillion or flat roof - no access
- Subfloor - Part.

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:

- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection
- Areas of skillion or flat roof - no access
- Stored items, built in cabinetry, furniture and personal items obscured approximately 50% of every room.
- Subfloor was obscured due to poor clearance and obstructions. Less than 25% of the inspectable area was accessible.

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

#### Defects 1.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Garage
Finding:	Asbestos - Suspected ACM Identified on Site
Information:	Reporting on Asbestos is outside the Scope of this Report. This suspected defect is highlighted as a caution only. We suspect, based on our experience in the building industry, that there is a higher risk of the identified building element containing asbestos.

As Asbestos Reporting is outside the scope of this report, we advise that you consider a separate Asbestos Inspection and Condition Audit, which can include the taking of samples for definitive confirmation of the presence of Asbestos.

In the interim, the client is advised to act with caution, especially when considering any damage to building materials general wear and tear renovations extensions demolition and general maintenance activities due to the suspected presence of Asbestos.



#### Defects 1.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Garage
Finding:	Mould - Present
Information:	Where evidence of mould growth was noted, there may be environmental, biological or health issues associated with the report. A specialist inspection by a suitably qualified environmental health inspector is warranted, where mould is extensive or where any queries regarding air quality spores or other related issues apply.

Generally, the client is advised to ensure that the general environment is free of moisture and humidity to aid in the prevention of mould formation and development.

Any mould found during the inspection should be cleaned immediately by a cleaning contractor or the homeowner as applicable.

Please note that severely affected building elements may require replacement by a registered builder or qualified carpenter.



### Defects 1.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Eaves
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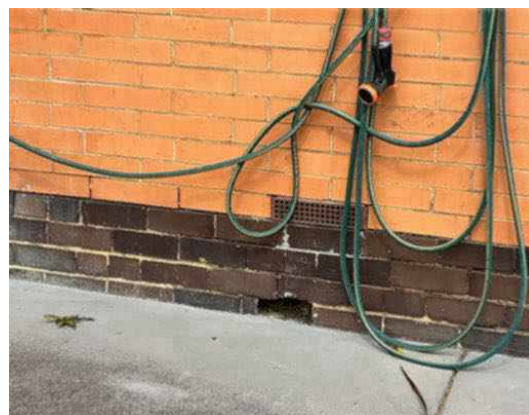


## Defects 1.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All areas
Finding:	Unconventional handyman plumbing, electrical and brickwork
Information:	This handyman work appears to have been completed to a substandard level and does not comply with regular building practices. Where handyman work is not completed satisfactorily, accelerated deterioration of the associated building elements is likely to occur and secondary defects to surrounding structures may develop.

It is highly recommended that the substandard work be rectified by professional services. Works to improve this area are likely to increase the safety and the operation of the associated building elements.

The client should exercise care when coming into the immediate vicinity of the substandard works. Rectification works are advised as soon as possible by the appropriate trades.





## Defects 1.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Subfloor debris
Finding:	Asbestos suspected
Information:	Many areas of suspected asbestos containing material were found throughout the property as shown in photos. Reporting on Asbestos is outside the Scope of this Report. This suspected defect is highlighted as a caution only. We suspect, based on our experience in the building industry, that there is a higher risk of the identified building elements containing asbestos.

In the interim, the client is advised to act with caution, especially when considering any damage to building materials, general wear and tear, renovations, extensions,

demolition and general maintenance activities due to the suspected presence of Asbestos.



### Defects 1.06

Building: Main Building

Location: Toilet (WC)

Finding: Asbestos suspected

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## Major Defect

### Defects 2.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Garage and bungalow
Finding:	Exterior roof - Leaking
Information:	Active roof leaks were evident at the time of inspection. Roof leaks can have a number of causes, including damage to roof coverings, deterioration of roof fixtures and fittings, or loosely associated materials (fascias etc.).

Where water leaks are active, rain penetration is likely to cause water damage to associated structures and building elements in this area, which can have a range of implications. If left unmanaged, the development of major structural damage to the roofing and associated structures may occur.

A roof plumber should be appointed as soon as possible to primarily identify the cause of the leak, and to provide subsequent repair works as necessary. Depending on the extent of the damage, replacement of sections of the roof covering and/or roofing structures may be required, and may be performed by a registered builder or qualified carpenter.

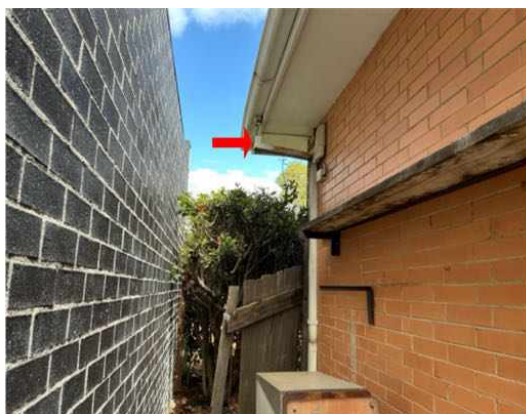


## Defects 2.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - right side
Finding:	Stormwater drain - Not connected
Information:	The roof plumbing is not adequately connected to stormwater drainage on the site. This disconnection negatively impacts the functional capacity of the roof plumbing.

Where roof plumbing doesn't drain adequately, the area at the base perimeter can become excessively damp, potentially creating an environment that is susceptible to rust and corrosion of surrounding building elements, as well as attracting termites and other pests.

It is highly recommended that a plumber be appointed to further inspect the area and to install adequate drainage equipment where necessary.



## Defects 2.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Void
Finding:	Roof tiles - Fretting
Information:	Upon inspection of the exterior roofing, the roof tiles were found to be fretting

Fretting on a terracotta roof tile has various causes and salt is one common cause. It is hard to pin point the exact cause of the fretting.

And the problem is that most of the fretting problems occur under the lap of the roof tiles

Terracotta colour powder of the fault will fall onto the surface of the ceiling and the roof battens.

A short term solution is to replace the tiles that are badly fretting. But fretting is a bit like cancer. It can be quite wide spread and you should consider a new roof if there is substantial fretting of your terracotta roof tiles.

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

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



## Minor Defect

### Defects 3.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Fascias - Wood rot
Information:	Wood rot was found to be affecting fascias and barges in this area, evidenced by the presence of mould on the surface in some areas. Wood rot, also known as Fungal Decay, occurs when timbers and other cellulose building materials are exposed to damp conditions on an ongoing basis.

It is likely that this wood rot has developed as a result of faults in the roof plumbing, creating excessive moisture in this areas. Frequent exposure to rain and other weather conditions also make fascias and barges susceptible to accelerated deterioration.

Early intervention and regular maintenance 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.

It is advised that a roof plumber be appointed to inspect all roof plumbing and subsequently identify the cause of the wood rot. Replacement of affected fascias and barges 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.



### Defects 3.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Garage and bungalow
Finding:	Brickwork - Step cracking
Information:	Step cracking was identified to the brickwork in this area at the time of inspection. Step cracking, which is similar to other forms of cracking, has a variety of possible causes. However, the most common is the subsidence of adjacent footings.

Step cracking is a relatively common defect, and is most likely to occur adjacent to windows, doors and other openings. Mortar failure in the gaps between affected bricks indicates the stresses and tensions affecting the wall.

Where step cracking is extensive or severe, the client is advised to consult a structural engineer. Minor step cracking can be used as a warning sign to address factors causing stress to the wall, which can include the effect of surrounding trees, water leaks, soil erosion, or even the presence of reactive soils in the surrounding area.



### Defects 3.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All areas
Finding:	Brickwork - Deteriorated mortar
Information:	Mortar, or 'bedding', is the material which fills joins and intersections between bricks in masonry walls and structures. Sections of mortar in this brickwork were identified as having deteriorated, which is generally expected for a property of this age and condition.

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

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





### Defects 3.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Roof plumbing - Rusted or corroded
Information:	The roof plumbing has areas of rust and corrosion. It is suspected that this has been caused by blockages, resulting in pooling or standing water, that have prematurely rusted elements of the roof plumbing.

Rusted roof plumbing will generally develop holes and leaks that can affect other building elements with poor drainage of storm water. Poorly drained roof areas will also lead to damp conditions surrounding the base perimeter of the building which, if left unmanaged, can lead to a range of secondary building defects.

Repair and/or replacement of rusted roof plumbing is highly required in order to reinstate the roof drainage system to a fully operational level. To further maintain these areas, gutters should be cleaned frequently, allowing the avoidance of any partial blockages.

A licensed plumber or specialist roof restoration company should be appointed to undertake these works. It is advised that such works be completed as soon as possible to prevent any further damage and deterioration.





### Defects 3.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Subfloor
Finding:	Heating / Cooling Ducts - damaged
Information:	The heating/cooling ducts were found to be damaged and not at a fully operational level. Generally, damage to ducts occurs as a result of aging and material deterioration, but impact damage or pest damage may also be the underlying cause.

The damage sustained by the ducts detracts from the energy efficiency of the property. The airflow within the property is likely to be restricted, particularly in areas where ducting shows signs of major damage.

A heating/cooling specialist should be appointed to provide further advice on remedial work options and to perform any works deemed necessary.



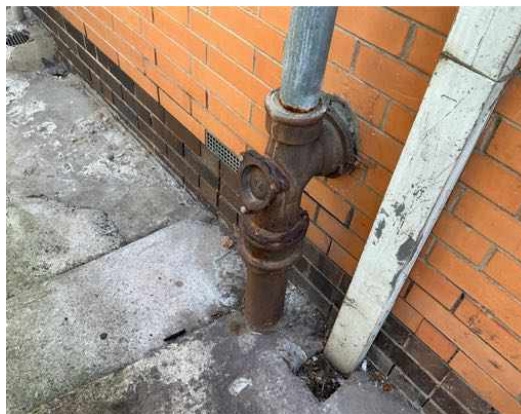
### Defects 3.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - left side
Finding:	Building element - 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.



### Defects 3.07

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bedroom - Master
Finding:	Floors - bouncy
Information:	The internal flooring in this area was identified as being bouncy at the time of inspection. A bouncy floor surface generally presents as a discernible change in level as they are walked across, in noisy or creaking flooring, or in consequent movement of surrounding furniture and fixtures.

Bouncy floors generally indicate that the floorboards or the subfloor structures are coming loose from the joists that they are installed on. Bouncy flooring may also be the result of gaps between flooring and stumps or joist structures, which require packing.

The client is advised to seek quotations for required repairs from a Registered Builder specialising in re-stumping. The potential resolution may range from packing gaps in subfloor structures through to replacement of subfloors stumps and refixing of flooring.



### Defects 3.08

Building: Main Building  
Location: All Areas  
Finding: Cornice - Cracking  
Information: The cornice has separated and cracking is apparent in this area.

This area should be carefully monitored to identify any further damage.



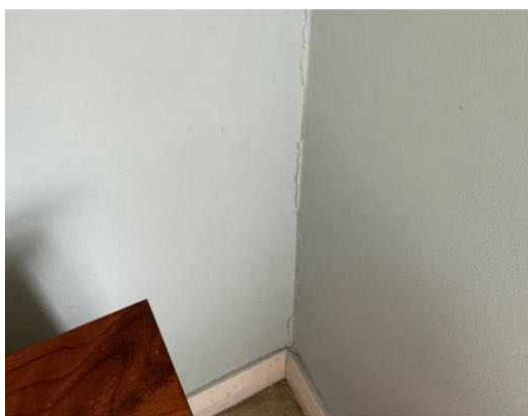
### Defects 3.09

Building: Main Building

Location: Bedroom -  
 Finding: Cracking - Damage Category 1 - Fine (up to 1mm)  
 Information: Although fine cracks are quite noticeable, they are often only considered to be an appearance defect, and usually do not indicate any structural damage. Generally, the cause of a fine crack is indicative of a separation between building materials and finishes (e.g. paint, plaster, etc.) along joins.

Cracking of this nature can generally be repaired with minor sanding, filling and/or repainting. Such works should be performed by a qualified painter or a general handyman.

Monitoring of all cracking should be conducted frequently. Always contact a building inspector should cracks widen, lengthen, or become more numerous.



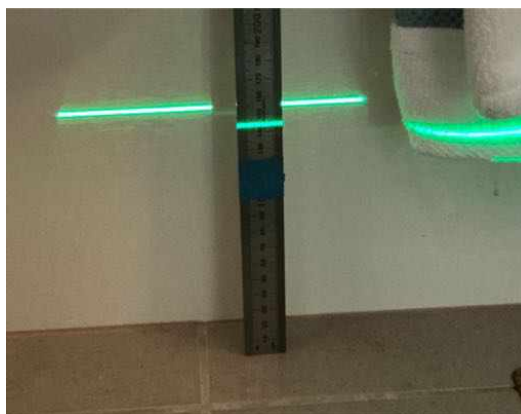
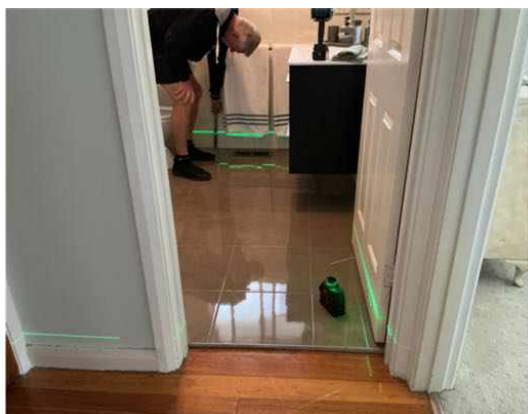
### Defects 3.10

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Bathroom  
 Finding: Flooring - Uneven  
 Information: The internal flooring in this area is out of level and uneven. Uneven flooring is likely to indicate minor defects such as expected movement of the foundations of the property, but may also indicate subsidence of the associated subfloor stumps.

It is advised that the flooring be closely monitored to identify any further movement. Where flooring remains relatively unchanged for an extended period of time (i.e. several months), it is likely that this defect has been caused by expected movement of the foundations of the property.

However, where flooring is uneven further, potentially invasive inspection of the subfloor structures and stumps in this area is required. In this case, works to repair are likely to be required, and would be carried out by a registered builder specialising in re-stumping.

Flooring in other areas was found to be within tolerance although not perfectly level in all areas



### Defects 3.11

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - rear
Finding:	Brickwork - Step cracking
Information:	Step cracking was identified to the brickwork in this area at the time of inspection. Step cracking, which is similar to other forms of cracking, has a variety of possible causes. However, the most common is the subsidence of adjacent footings.

Step cracking is a relatively common defect, and is most likely to occur adjacent to windows, doors and other openings. Mortar failure in the gaps between affected bricks indicates the stresses and tensions affecting the wall.

Where step cracking is extensive or severe, the client is advised to consult a structural engineer. Minor step cracking can be used as a warning sign to address factors causing stress to the wall, which can include the effect of surrounding trees, water leaks, soil erosion, or even the presence of reactive soils in the surrounding area.



### Defects 3.12

Building: Main Building

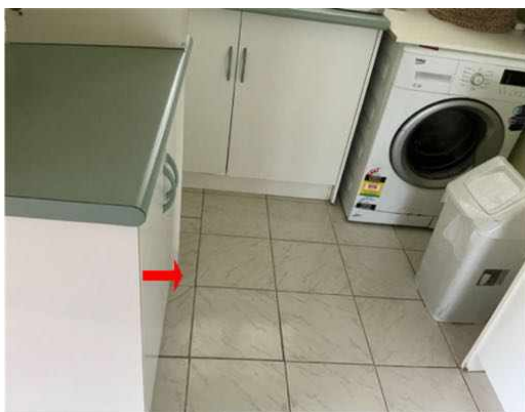
Location: Laundry

Finding: Floor tiles - Cracked

Information: Cracking in the floor tiles was evident in this area at the time of inspection. It is suspected that this cracking has occurred as a result of the floor being uneven and lacking a solid or suitable foundation for the tiles to be laid on. Settlement in the floor foundations may also have caused movement and resulted in the cracking of tiles in this area.

Cracked tiles throughout the household detract from the overall appearance of the affected areas, as well as creating potential for water penetration to adjoining building elements. If left unmanaged, water damage may occur as a result of constant water penetration over a prolonged period of time.

While not considered a matter of urgency, replacement of cracked floor tiles is advised as a solution. A tiling contractor or general handyperson may be appointed to perform these works at client discretion. Where cracks become more numerous, consultation with a registered builder specialising in re-stumping may be required.





### Defects 3.13

Building: Main Building

Location: Heating Ducts

Finding: Heating / Cooling Ducts - damaged

Information: The heating/cooling ducts were found to be damaged and not at a fully operational level. Generally, damage to ducts occurs as a result of aging and material deterioration, but impact damage or pest damage may also be the underlying cause.

The damage sustained by the ducts detracts from the energy efficiency of the property. The airflow within the property is likely to be restricted, particularly in areas where ducting shows signs of major damage.

A heating/cooling specialist should be appointed to provide further advice on remedial work options and to perform any works deemed necessary.



## Section D Significant Items

### D4 Further Inspections

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

- As identified in summary and defect statements

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

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

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

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

A major defect was found in the form of deteriorated fretting roof tiles which will need to be replaced in the short term. A qualified Roof Tiler and Roof Plumber should be engaged in order to replace the roof tiles, roof plumbing and fascias.

The garage is in poor condition with a leaking asbestos roof, mould and water damage to ceiling linings, step cracking to the brickwork, uneven flooring and home handyman renovations. It is our opinion that this garage is demolished as in its current state it constitutes a safety hazard.

Many examples of Home handyman plumbing, electrical work, brickwork alterations and renovations were evident at the time of inspection. Care should be taken when coming into contact with Home handyman work as it may not comply with today's safety regulations..

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

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

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

## Section D Significant Items

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

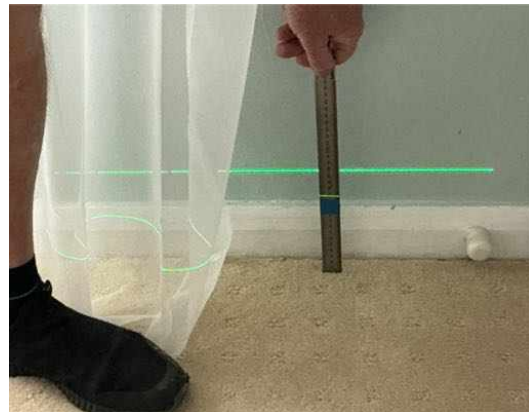
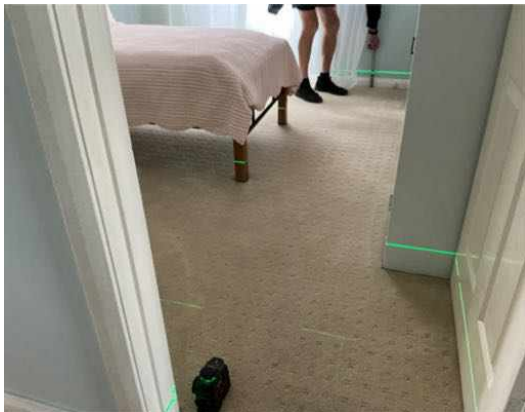
#### Noted Item

Building: Main Building

Location: All Areas

Finding: Additional Photos - Obstructions and Limitations

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





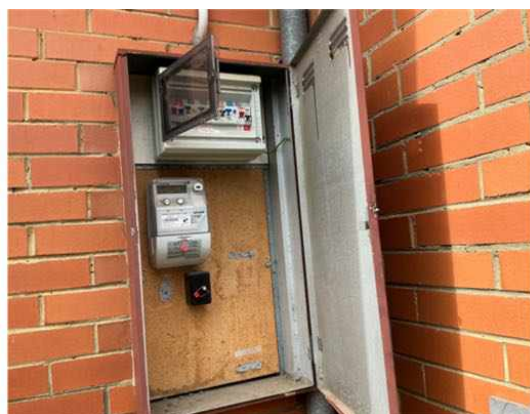


Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Electrical Switchboard
Finding:	Termite Management System - no evidence of a chemical installation
Information:	The application of a post-construction chemical termite barrier is highly recommended for all properties, particularly if live termite activity has been found on the site previously. Such barriers are highly effective in preventing termite attack on any timber building elements throughout the property.

A durable notice should be placed in the switchboard unit to indicate current termite barriers. At the time of inspection, it appeared as though no termite management system has been installed, with no evidence to suggest preventative works taking place.

The client may consider gaining further advice from a pest controller as to the costs and procedures involved with this application. It is recommended that obtaining such advice be a short-term priority.



### Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Alfresco
Finding:	Additional structure - Non-compliant
Information:	The additional structure that has been affixed to this area of the dwelling does not appear to comply with contemporary building practices and current Australian Standards. While the structure does not currently appear to be unsafe, compliance with such standards ensures the structural integrity of the main dwelling and abutting addition.

As building standards have not been followed, this area provides a heightened risk of the development of building defects. The structural integrity of the area may have been compromised, which creates potential for the development or presence of major safety issues.

It is highly recommended that any planned repair, remodeling or demolition works be

carried out by registered builders. Such works may be necessary in the short-term future to ensure the safety and functionality of the area.



**Noted Item**

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





**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All Areas  
 Finding: Terracotta pipes  
 Information: Terracotta drainage pipes (sometimes referred to as clay or vitrified clay pipes) have been used for many many years. The use of clay drainage pipes dates back to the Romans, who used the clay pipe system as it was easy to manufacture, straightforward to lay and, for the most part, reliable. However, due to the rigid and

brittle nature of clay or terracotta pipes problems can begin to occur over time. Even if they're functioning fine now, clay pipes will need replacing eventually.

The average lifespan of a clay pipe sewer system is 60 years — which means an upgrade is decades overdue for many homes. For your peace of mind you may wish to have your sewer pipes inspected and replaced before a major problem occurs



**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All appliances  
 Finding: Warranty - Expired  
 Information: Where appliances are beyond their warranty period, the owner should be prepared to

meet the cost of replacement or repair of the item at any time. The operation of the appliance can not be guaranteed and further inspection by an appropriately qualified tradesperson may be required.



**Noted Item**

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





## Definitions to help you better understand this report

Access hole (cover)	An opening in flooring or ceiling or other parts of a structure (such as service hatch, removable panel) to allow for entry to carry out an inspection, maintenance or repair.
Accessible area	An area of the site where sufficient, safe and reasonable access is available to allow inspection within the scope of the inspection.
Appearance defect	Fault or deviation from the intended appearance of a building element.
Asbestos-Containing Material (ACM)	Asbestos-containing material (ACM) means any material or thing that, as part of its design, contains asbestos.
Building element	A portion of a building that, by itself or in combination with other such parts, fulfils a characteristic function. NOTE: For example supporting, enclosing, furnishing or servicing building space.
Client	The person or other entity for whom the inspection is being carried out.
Defect	Fault or deviation from the intended condition of a material, assembly, or component.
Detailed assessment	An assessment by an accredited sampler to determine the extent and magnitude of methamphetamine contamination in a property.
Inspection	Close and careful scrutiny of a building carried out without dismantling, in order to arrive at a reliable conclusion as to the condition of the building.
Inspector	Person or organisation responsible for carrying out the inspection.
Limitation	Any factor that prevents full or proper inspection of the building.
Major defect	A defect of sufficient magnitude where rectification has to be carried out in order to avoid unsafe conditions, loss of utility or further deterioration of the property.
Methamphetamine	An amphetamine-type stimulant that is highly addictive. Methamphetamine is a controlled substance, classified as a Class A (very high-risk) drug under the Misuse of Drug Act. This term is used as a grouping term to include all substances screened for, specifically: Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, Amphetamine, Methamphetamine, MDA and MDMA.
Methamphetamine contamination	A property or part of a property where the level of methamphetamine has been tested in accordance with this standard and found to exceed 0.5 micrograms/100 cm <sup>2</sup> (Residential) or 10 micrograms/100 cm <sup>2</sup> (Commercial).

Methamphetamine production/manufacture	The manufacture of methamphetamine, including processing, packaging, and storage of methamphetamine and associated chemicals.
Minor defect	A defect other than a major defect.
Roof space/Roof void	Space between the roof covering and the ceiling immediately below the roof covering.
Screening assessment	An assessment by a screening sampler to determine whether or not methamphetamine is present.
Serviceability defect	Fault or deviation from the intended serviceability performance of a building element.
Significant item	An item that is to be reported in accordance with the scope of the inspection.
Site	Allotment of land on which a building stands or is to be erected.
Structural defect	Fault or deviation from the intended structural performance of a building element.
Structural element	Physically distinguishable part of a structure. NOTE: For example wall, columns, beam, connection.
Subfloor space	Space between the underside of a suspended floor and the ground.
Urgent and Serious Safety Hazards	Building elements or situations that present a current or immediate potential threat of injury or disease to persons.

## Terms on which this report was prepared

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

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

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

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

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

### RELIANCE AND DISCLOSURE

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

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

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

### UNDETECTED DEFECT RISK RATING

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

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

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:

**This is not a report by a licensed plumber or electrician.** We recommend a special-purpose report to detect substandard or illegal plumbing and electrical work at the Property

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

**This is not a pest report.** As termites are widespread throughout mainland Australia we recommend annual timber pest inspections.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## MOISTURE

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

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

## MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTY

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

**NO CERTIFICATION**

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

**RECTIFICATION COSTS**

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