



Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Fri, 27 Feb 2026

Property Address: 32 Hedley St, Riverwood NSW 2210,
Australia



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The following apply: This report does not comment on common areas.

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.

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, Duplex, Semi-Detached
Company or Strata title	Unknown
Floor	Slab on ground
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	4
Occupied	Occupied
Orientation	South
Other Building Elements	Driveway, Fence - Fabricated Metal Fence, Shed, Party Walls
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Internal Joinery, Landscaping Timbers and Construction, Doors, Door Frames, Architraves, Skirting Boards, Stair Railing, Staircase
Roof	Pitched, Tiled, Timber Framed
Storeys	Double
Walls	Cavity Brick
Weather	Raining

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

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 low roof pitch preventing full inspection.
- Ceiling Cavity - Part.
- Exterior Roof Surface - Second Storey.
- Slab edge which would normally be exposed due to finished ground levels obscuring inspection.
- Wall Exterior - where neighbouring buildings immediately adjoin.

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:

- Ceiling cavity inspection was significantly obstructed with more than 75% of the inspectable area inaccessible or obstructed by factors like lack of safe access, insulation and ducting.
- Ceiling linings
- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection
- Appliances and equipment
- Above safe working height

- External concrete or paving
- External finished ground level
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Floor coverings
- Furniture
- Stored items, built in cabinetry, furniture and personal items obscured approximately 50% of every room.

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:	Kitchen
Finding:	Exhaust fan - Not ducted to outside
Information:	The exhaust fan in this area was not ducted to the outside as required.

The National Construction Codes 2022 (NCC) Volume Two, Clause 10.7.4

- Requires that exhaust from a kitchen, bathroom, laundry, or toilet must be discharged to outdoor air or to a space with adequate natural ventilation (like an open verandah).
- Discharging into a roof space, ceiling void, or wall cavity is not permitted unless that space itself is ventilated to the outside.
- If the kitchen has a recirculating rangehood with a charcoal filter (that cleans the air and blows it back into the room), this is allowed under the NCC.



Finding 1.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Staircase
Finding:	Loose handrail — Fall from heights
Information:	The handrail was lacking appropriate support and fixing to the adjacent wall or floor at the time of inspection.

The handrail was further loose and moving upon minimal force applied with hand.

These handrails pose a risk and persons coming in contact may fall from heights if these handrails fail, thus causing sever injury.

A licensed builder must be appointed as soon as possible to rectify any non-compliance.



Major Defect

Finding 2.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom downstairs
Finding:	Water leak - Suspected
Information:	A water leak is suspected in this area as excessive moisture was detected at the time of inspection. Another potential cause maybe moisture ingress behind the tiles from around the wall fittings and penetrations.

Internal water leaks can be detrimental to surrounding building elements; their potential causes include damage to plumbing fittings and fixtures, through to water damage and deterioration of associated building elements.

Attracting termites, corrosion, mould, decay and water damage are potential outcomes where a minor water leak is left unattended. More serious defects may also result, such as electrical hazards, or water damage to structural building elements.

In extreme cases, structural damage may develop due to a prolonged water leak. It is highly advised that internal water leaks be addressed by a licensed plumber as a matter of relative urgency.



Finding 2.02

Building: Main Building
Location: Garage/lounge wall
Finding: Evidence of excessive moisture was present at the time of inspection
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. A licensed plumber must be appointed urgently for further assessment.



Finding 2.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Garage
Finding:	Ceiling - Water damaged
Information:	Water damage to the ceiling lining is generally an indication of excessive moisture being present in the roof void, usually via a leak to the roof covering.

Where water damage is evident to the ceiling, the primary requirement is to identify and rectify the source of the leak. A roofing plumber should be appointed as soon as possible to identify the leak and perform rectification works as necessary, ensuring the water damage is restricted.

Once the leak is repaired, consultation with relevant tradespeople, including plasterers and painters, is advised. Rectification works may include replacement of ceiling lining or minor repainting, depending on the extent of the damage.



Minor Defect

Finding 3.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Garage
Finding:	Ceiling - Water stained
Information:	Water staining to ceiling linings in this area was evident at the time of inspection. Water staining indicates that surfaces have been exposed to excessive moisture over time. The minerals and other elements in the water lead to staining, which may graduate to corrosion and deterioration if left unmanaged.

While mostly an appearance defect, water staining can be indicative of more serious defects, which may be currently concealed by interior ceilings.

Where water staining is active, a licensed plumber must be consulted to identify the

cause of the staining and to provide advice on any reparation works that may be required. Replacement of any damaged structures is advised.

Conversely, where water staining is old and inactive, affected building materials may be repaired or replaced at client discretion.



Finding 3.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Backyard
Finding:	Site drainage— Inadequate
Information:	The site drainage in this area was found to be inadequate at the time of inspection, creating potential for subsequent water damage to associated building elements. This is additionally conducive to termite activity.

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 licensed 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.



Finding 3.03

Building: Main Building
 Location: Multiple areas of roof plumbing
 Finding: Water leak - External
 Information: Water leaks were found to be present to exterior plumbing work. Leaks are generally caused by deterioration of the plumbing elements over time, due to exposure to weather conditions, but may have also been caused by minor impact damage.

Such leaking creates damp conditions in the affected area, causing potential for water pooling and subsequent water damage if left unattended. These conditions may also attract termite attack, particularly if the area is subject to minimal levels of sun throughout daylight hours.

It is highly advised that a licensed plumber be appointed to rectify any water leaks that may be present. Areas of repair and replacement of plumbing fittings and fixtures may be required and, as such, a quotation should be sought.



Finding 3.04

Building: Main Building
 Location: Alfresco
 Finding: Plumbing - Point of connection non-compliant

Information: At the time of inspection it was noted that connections between above ground pipe work and below ground sewer/storm water systems were incomplete.

At the point of connection, the connection should be sealed against vermin and debris entering the sewer / storm water system. The sealing method depends upon the age and type of the pipe work being connected.

Additionally, where sewer pipes are concerned, gases can escape from unsealed connections which can pose a serious health risk.

Engagement of a certified plumber is strongly recommended to ensure all connection points are sealed in accordance with the plumbing construction guidelines.



Finding 3.05

Building: Main Building

Location: Multiple areas

Finding: Eaves/Roof plumbing -- water damages

Information: Water damage is generally an indication of excessive moisture being present, usually via a leak. It is suspected that gutter blockages causing stormwater to backflow into the eaves causing water damages. This is additionally conducive to termite activity due to the damp conditions.

Where water damage is evident, the primary requirement is to identify and rectify the source of the leak. Gutters must be kept clear of any blockages moving forward. A roofing plumber should be appointed for further assessment if the problem persists.

Once the leak is repaired, consultation with relevant tradespeople, including carpenters, plasterers and painters, is advised.



Finding 3.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Shed
Finding:	Unconventional handyman work
Information:	This handyman work appears to have been completed to a substandard level and does not comply with regular building practices. The footing and the flooring system is not suited for purpose.

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.



Finding 3.07

Building: Main Building

Location: Fencing

Finding: Fencing - Deteriorated

Information: It was noted at the time of inspection that sections of the fencing in this area has deteriorated. Typically fencing deteriorates due to age and or wear, rot and or rust which is generally expected for a structure of this age, due to prolonged exposure to weather conditions. Sometimes inadequate installation or maintenance can be to blame.

If left unattended, it is likely that further damage will occur. It is suspected that repair of several elements of the fencing may be required however replacement may be a consideration of the client also.

A licensed fencing contractor should be appointed to provide further advice and perform rectification works as necessary.



Finding 3.08

Building: Main Building
 Location: Backyard
 Finding: Paving — Uneven
 Information:

Sections of the external paved area are uneven, which may develop into a trip hazard. It appears as though the area has been subject to rough installation, or that paving sections have lifted due to movements in the foundation.

Left unmanaged, the May develop into a safety hazard due to trip and fall.

Re-paving of the area is required to remedy this situation. Further consultation with a specialist concreter is advised.



Finding 3.09

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Yard
Finding:	Untreated or non-durable timbers in a hazardous environment
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 3.10

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Cracked roof tile - Sealed (defective)
Information:	Cracked roofing tile was noted to have been sealed. This handyman work appears to

have been completed to a substandard level and does not comply with regular building practices. Further deterioration will inevitably cause cracking at the seal allowing moisture penetration.

All cracked or damaged tiles must be replaced rather than repaired.



Finding 3.11

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Flashing
Finding:	Roof plumbing - Flashing cracked
Information:	Water leaks generally occur when a particular area of the property is not weather or water tight. Cracks were evident to the roof flashing in this area at the time of inspection.

Regardless of the location, if left unmanaged, even minor leaks can lead to serious damage of associated building elements, potentially resulting in the need for replacement of building materials. Damage to ceilings, wood rot, mould and other hazards, such as electrical hazards, may also arise if left unmanaged.

Further inspection and repair by a roof specialist or a licensed roof plumber is advised to adequately rectify the potential leak.





Finding 3.12

Building: Main Building
 Location: Roof Exterior
 Finding: Roof tiles - Weathered
 Information:

Upon inspection of the exterior roofing, the majority of roof tiles were considered to be in a fair condition. While weathering of the tiles is consistent with the age of the property, maintenance works are required.

Isolated areas of mortar have come loose and minor cracking is also present. Re-pointing and re-sealing the may be considered as an interim solution by the client to help preserve and extend the life span of the 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 licensed 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 structure.





Finding 3.13

Building: Main Building
 Location: Roof Exterior
 Finding: Trees - Overhanging and filling gutters
 Information: Overhanging trees often result in excessive amounts of leaf debris accumulating in gutters.

Gutters are a critical part of the building's management of storm water and rain. It is therefore important that they be kept clear to prevent secondary damage to associated building elements, including exterior and interior walls, ceiling linings and any adjoining building elements. Where gutters are blocked, pooling of rainwater is likely to occur, fast-tracking rust and corrosion of the roof plumbing elements.

It is highly advised that all overhanging tree branches be removed as soon as possible to prevent any further damage. Repair and/or replacement of sections of damaged guttering may also be required where the extent of the damage necessitates.

Such works should be performed by the homeowner; however, appointment of a landscape contractor or an arborist may be required. Consultation with a licensed roof plumber is required where guttering has been damaged.



Finding 3.14

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Void
Finding:	Insulation - Missing
Information:	Upon inspection of the roof void it was noted that insulation is not present.

Insufficient insulation will result in a comparatively higher cost to heat and cool a property as there is a lack of Insulation (or uneven coverage of insulation) which works as a barrier to heat transfer. This helps to keep out unwanted heat in summer and preserves warmth inside your home in winter. It can also help soundproof your home from unwanted airborne noise transfer.

Where insulation is absent, the area does not meet current Australian Standards. Installation of adequate insulation is required and should be conducted as soon as possible.



Finding 3.15

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Multiple areas upstairs
Finding:	Floors - Squeaky
Information:	The internal flooring in this area was identified as being squeaky at the time of inspection. This generally presents as a discernible change in level as they are walked across.

Although structural defects such as settlement could also be possible, however squeaky floors generally indicate that nails are coming loose from the joists that they are installed on, which is generally cosmetic rather than structural.

The client should appoint a licensed carpenter to undertake repairs.



Finding 3.16

Building: Main Building
 Location: Entry
 Finding: Cracked floor tiles
 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 minor settlement or shrinkage.

Cracked tiles throughout the household detract from the overall appearance of the affected areas however it is unlikely to create or lead to any secondary defects.

While not considered a matter of urgency, replacement of cracked floor tiles is recommended at the clients discretion. A licensed tiling contractor may be appointed to perform these works. Where cracks become more numerous, contact a licensed building inspector for further investigation.



Finding 3.17

Building: Main Building
 Location: All Wet Areas
 Finding: Sealant and grouting - Missing or damaged
 Information:

It was noted on inspection that sealant or grout is degraded to this area.

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 should be appointed to complete these works as soon as possible.



Finding 3.18

Building: Main Building
 Location: Bathroom
 Finding: Sink/basin - slow draining
 Information:

The sink/basin drain appeared to be partially blocked at the time of inspection. Blockages here are usually caused by hair and other debris. If left unmanaged, a lack of general maintenance may lead to the development of more significant defects, such as water damage to surrounding building materials.

A licensed plumber should be appointed to remove the blockage at the client discretion.



Finding 3.19

Building: Main Building
 Location: Bedroom 2
 Finding: Door - Binding/jamming
 Information:

Binding and/or jamming of this door is evident during standard operation. This defect inhibits the functionality of the affected door as well as creating potential for secondary defects to associated building elements, such as damage to the floor covering or adjacent frame.

A door that binds to flooring or to the associated door frame may have several causes, ranging from minor defects, such as poor installation of the door or deteriorated hinges.

A licensed carpenter should be appointed to perform minor rectification works at client discretion.



Finding 3.20

Building: Main Building
 Location: Garage
 Finding: Eaves - Sagging
 Information: Sagging to the eaves was evident in this area at the time of inspection. This type of

defect is generally consistent with older properties, where the eave sheeting has worn over time.

Eaves are important in preventing water ingress to associated walls by promoting adequate water run-off from roofing structures. Their secondary function is to prevent shelter to adjoining structures from excessive moisture and hence prevent water damage to these areas.

Sagging eaves are susceptible to the attraction of excessive moisture, and are therefore considered non-functional. This defect also detracts from the overall appearance and condition of the roofing structure and any associated structures.

A roofing plumbing or general handyman is recommended to perform rectification works as soon as possible. Subsequent water damage is likely to result over time if left unattended.



Finding 3.21

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Eaves LHS
Finding:	Beads - Damaged
Information:	Beading acts (like cornice or skirtings) to cover the intersection or joins of building materials. It was noted at the time of inspection that beading in this area has

deteriorated. This deterioration is suspected to have been caused by general ageing and frequent exposure to weather, which is expected in a building of this age and condition.

Beading is important in weatherproofing the surrounding building elements and preventing pest ingress. Furthermore, beading works to protect the joins of building materials, which are more susceptible to deterioration and decay.

Repair or replacement of the beading is advised to ensure the protection and longevity of any associated building elements. Such works may be performed by a general handyman or qualified carpenter.



Finding 3.22

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Exhaust fan - Not operating
Information:	The exhaust fan in this area appears to be damaged or blocked and is not operating as intended. If left unmanaged, a lack of general maintenance is likely to lead to the development of more significant defects, such as water damage to surrounding building materials from inadequate ventilation. If left unattended for a prolonged period of time, poor ventilation in this area may also be conducive to the development of mould.

Where no secondary damage has developed, the Homeowner may undertake minor cleaning of the area and consider replacement of the exhaust fan. Alternatively, consultation with a Licensed Electrician is required to check for any secondary or concealed damage and consider repair or replacement.

Please be advised that a cabinet maker or qualified carpenter may also be required if water damage has occurred and that an additional specialist mould inspection may be required if severe mould has resulted.



Finding 3.23

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Multiple areas
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.





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: Bathroom Downstairs
 Finding: Water leak - Suspected
 Information: A water leak is suspected in this area as excessive moisture was detected at the time of inspection. Another potential cause maybe moisture ingress behind the tiles from around the wall fittings and penetrations.

Internal water leaks can be detrimental to surrounding building elements; their potential causes include damage to plumbing fittings and fixtures, through to water damage and deterioration of associated building elements.

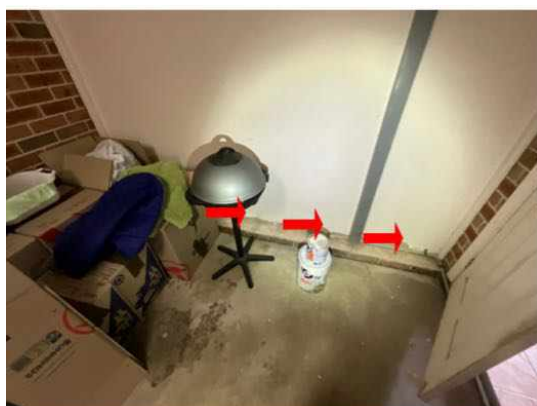
Attracting termites, corrosion, mould, decay and water damage are potential outcomes where a minor water leak is left unattended. More serious defects may also result, such as electrical hazards, or water damage to structural building elements.

In extreme cases, structural damage may develop due to a prolonged water leak. It is highly advised that internal water leaks be addressed by a licensed plumber as a matter of relative urgency.



Finding 6.02

Building: Main Building
 Location: Garage
 Finding: Evidence of excessive moisture was present at the time of inspection
 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. A licensed plumber must be appointed urgently for further assessment.



Finding 6.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Backyard
Finding:	Site drainage— Inadequate
Information:	The site drainage in this area was found to be inadequate at the time of inspection, creating potential for subsequent water damage to associated building elements. This is additionally conducive to termite activity.

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 licensed 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.



Finding 6.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Multiple areas of roof plumbing
Finding:	Water leak - External
Information:	Water leaks were found to be present to exterior plumbing work. Leaks are generally caused by deterioration of the plumbing elements over time, due to exposure to weather conditions, but may have also been caused by minor impact damage.

Such leaking creates damp conditions in the affected area, causing potential for water pooling and subsequent water damage if left unattended. These conditions may also attract termite attack, particularly if the area is subject to minimal levels of sun throughout daylight hours.

It is highly advised that a licensed plumber be appointed to rectify any water leaks that may be present. Areas of repair and replacement of plumbing fittings and fixtures may

be required and, as such, a quotation should be sought.



Finding 6.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Meterbox
Finding:	Termite Management System - no evidence of 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 is highly recommended to retain a strata copy in relation to any active termite management systems, warranties and other details.



Finding 6.06

Building:	Main Building
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Location: Perimeter

Finding: Slab Edge - Exposure

Information: Slab Edge Exposure: Where external concrete slab edges are not exposed there is a high risk of concealed termite entry. In some buildings built since July 1995 the edge of the slab forms part of the termite shield system. In these buildings an inspection zone of at least 75mm should be maintained to permit detection of termite entry. The concrete edge should not be concealed by render, tiles, cladding, flashings, adjoining structures, paving, soil, turf or landscaping etc. Where this is the case you should arrange to have the slab edge exposed for inspection. Concealed termite entry may already be taking place but could not be detected at the time of the inspection. This may have resulted in concealed timber damage. Does the slab edge inspection zone fully comply?

Not able to comment. A very high proportion of termite attacks are over the edge of both Infill and other concrete slabs types. Covering the edge of a concrete slab makes concealed termite entry easy. Infill slab type construction has an even higher risk of concealed termite ingress as the slab edge is concealed due to the construction design and cannot be exposed. The type of slab may only be determined by assessment of the construction plans by a qualified person e.g. Builder, Architect. Construction Plans may be obtainable by your local Council or Builder. Termite activity and or damage may be present in concealed timbers of the building. We strongly recommend frequent regular inspections in accordance with AS 3660.2. Where the slab edge is not fully exposed or the slab is an infill slab or the slab type cannot be determined then we strongly recommend inspections every 3 to 6 months in accordance with AS 3660.2 or AS 4349.3.



Finding 6.07

Building: Main Building

Location: Slab penetrations

Finding: Service penetrations

Information: Services into home can allow for concealed termite entry without additional or adequate termite protection.

Finding 6.08

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Multiple areas
Finding:	Bridging or breaching of termite barriers - weep holes
Information:	Bridging is the spanning of a termite barrier or inspection zone so that subterranean termites are provided with passage over or around that barrier.

Breaching is the making of a hole or gap in a termite barrier so that termites are provided with a passage over or around that barrier.

Weep holes in the exterior brickwork of the property are designed to allow condensation that may build up between the brickwork and subsequent timber framework to drain from within the wall hence preventing any deterioration of the timber building elements.

Where weep holes are covered by external ground levels such as paving or garden beds concealed entry is available for termites from these grounds into the brickwork or external wall materials.

Additionally build-up of moisture is likely to occur if weep holes are covered further attracting termite activity to these areas.

It is highly recommended that weep holes are left exposed in all areas throughout the external property. Therefore if any termite activity leading into weep holes becomes easily detectable during frequent pest inspections.

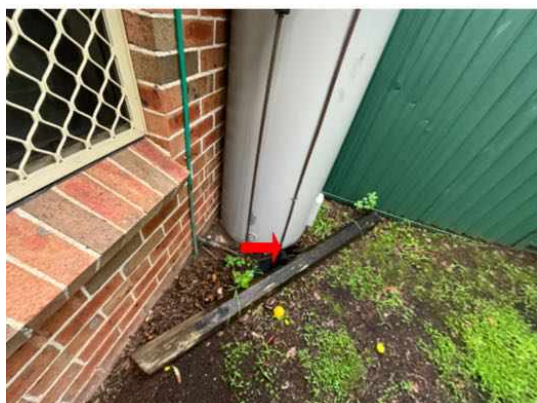


Finding 6.09

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Yard - Side
Finding:	Overflow - Not plumbed for drainage
Information:	The overflow is not plumbed or connected to suitable drainage, which can result in the surrounding area becoming excessively damp.

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 install adequate drainage to the overflow. These works will ensure that the area remains dry and free of any secondary defects.



Finding 6.10

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Trees
Finding:	Evidence of wood borer activity identified
Information:	Wood borers small beetles that colonise in exposed timber elements are a common timber pest that are regularly mistaken for termites. Although wood borer activity is generally not detrimental to the affected timber they may lead to serious damage and necessitate replacement of certain building elements if left unattended.

The Lyctid borer which generally attacks hardwoods such as subfloor and roofing structures is generally identified by a fine dust surrounding the affected timbers.

The other commonly known borer the Anobium borer is more likely to attack

floorboards and may cause severe structural damage to flooring areas.

As no live wood borer activity was identified treatment is not required at this time. Replacement of affected timbers may be considered by the client for superficial reasons.



Finding 6.11

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Fencing & Landscaping
Finding:	Building materials in direct ground contact - conducive to termites
Information:	Where timber elements are in direct contact with the ground and consequently moisture or dampness they become conducive to termite activity. Whether timber is used as a building element part of a fencing structure or stored as an unused item they can provide an environment that is attractive to termite infestation.

When met with excessive moisture timber begins to decay and develop wood rot. Any timbers that are in direct contact with external grounds especially if left untreated or non-durable also provide ingress for subterranean termites into that particular element.

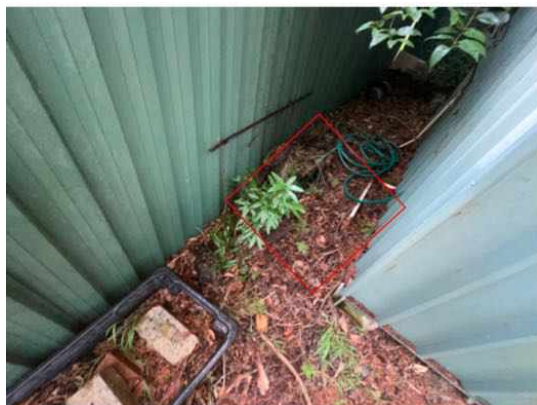
The removal of any such materials that may be conducive to termite activity should be removed as soon as possible to minimise the risk of termite attack.



Finding 6.12

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Yard
Finding:	Stored timbers - subfloor space or external area
Information:	The storing of timbers in the subfloor space or around the external property increases the risk of termite activity being present. As they are likely to come into contact with weather conditions or excessive moisture wood rot is likely to develop on timbers that are not treated.

It is highly recommended that any stored timbers be immediately removed from areas in which they may attract any termite / timber pest attack. Minimisation of risk / prevention of termite attack is far more adequate than dealing with the presence of termite activity.



Finding 6.13

Building:	Main Building
Location:	
Finding:	Surrounding bushland - Conducive
Information:	Home and or building is situated in a high risk area for termite activity, due to close proximity to surrounding bushland.



Finding 6.14

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Vegetation
Finding:	Vegetation - Abutting property
Information:	Vegetation against external wall may have an invasive root system. If there are weak points in the brick work or concrete slab, it is possible for the roots to gain entry into these areas. Once the roots have gained entry, it is possible for termites to gain concealed entry via these roots. It is recommended to remove the vegetation and root system where possible.



Finding 6.15

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Garden beds
Finding:	Garden Beds
Information:	Garden beds were found to be evident in the garden area. These garden beds can include untreated timber, and with a combination of moisture from watering hosing can make conditions conducive to termite activity and termite ingress.

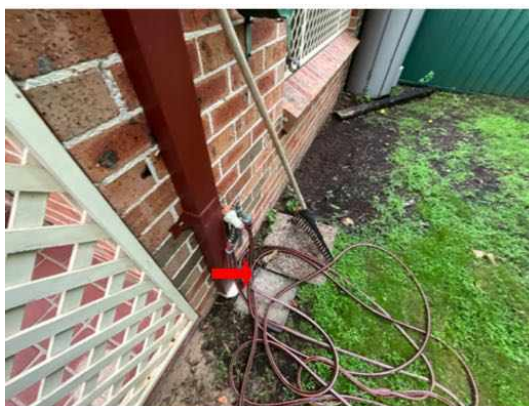
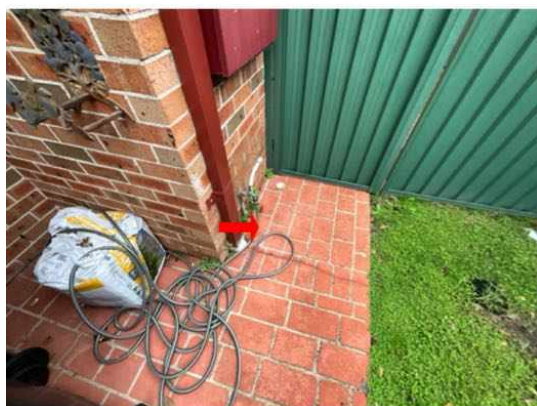


Finding 6.16

Building: Main Building
Location: External tap
Finding: Tap - No drain
Information: The external tap in this area was noted to have no drain at the time of inspection.

This keeps the surrounding surfaces damp while using the tap, which becomes conducive to termite activity.

A licensed plumber must be appointed to ensure an appropriate drain is installed.



Evidence of fungal decay activity and/or damage

No evidence was found

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

- Registered/Licensed Builder
- Termite and Timber Pest Technician / Licensed Pest Controller
- Other
- Licensed Electrician
- Licensed Plumber

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

- This is a visual report as per AS4349.1 & AS4349.3 and as per agreed pre-inspection agreement that you have received from us.

This summary must be read in conjunction with the defects list.

The property was found to be in an average condition despite safety hazards, major defects and minor defects.

Regular termite inspections are highly recommended every 6 months.

Repair of all other defects are recommended. If left unattended, secondary minor or major defects can ensue.

Please be aware that limitation's did affect the inspection and areas of low clearance and poor access meant a complete inspection of the roof space and subfloor was not possible and areas of stored items, insulation and garden vegetation meant some areas were obstructed.

It is strongly recommended that full access is gained as major defects and/or damage may be concealed.

Please read all the defects and recommendations carefully and read the report in its entirety.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Terry Masoudi * on: 0420 990 777

Section D Significant Items

The following items were noted as - For your information

Noted Item

Building: Main Building
 Location: Upstairs
 Finding: Smoke Detectors and Alarms
 Information: Reporting on Smoke Detectors or Alarms, including hard wired smoke detection systems and their legislative requirements, is outside the Scope of this Report.

Please note that this defect is highlighted as a caution only. We suspect, based on our experience in the building industry, that the absence of smoke detectors, or their poor condition, should be addressed as a matter of urgency to improve occupant safety.

Further Inspection and/or advisory services is necessary to provide advice on the sufficiency, type and location of smoke detectors, and to test the functionality of all devices. Greater requirements for fire safety and detection exist for commercial buildings.

Always ensure sufficient working and suitable smoke detectors are installed prior to occupying any building. Additionally, it is advised that all smoke detectors be tested by the homeowner on a monthly basis.

Please refer to AS3786 and state based legislation, which may also apply.



Noted Item

Building: Main Building
 Location: All Areas
 Finding: Moisture metre
 Information: During the inspection the property was checked for moisture using a moisture metre.

This is for information only.



Noted Item

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

Additional photos are provided for your general reference.





Noted Item

Building: Main Building
Location: Roof Void
Finding: Additional Photos
Information:

Additional photos are provided for your general reference.



Noted Item

Building: Main Building
Location: Roof Exterior
Finding: Additional Photos
Information:

Additional photos are provided for your general reference.



Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Plumbing/electrical/gas/aircon/appliances/pool equipment/fire safety etc
Finding:	Plumbing & Electrical
Information:	Plumbing and electrical inspections including appliances are outside the scope of the building inspection and must be conducted by a Licensed and registered Trades person. It is highly recommended that the client makes immediate arrangements to have the gas appliances checked by a licensed gas plumber to ensure that the appliances are working safely and efficiently. We recommend all other installations be

checked also. Whilst we note and comment of visually apparent defects that present during the building inspection, legislation requires the checking and documenting of compliance for plumbing and electrical requirements be done by licensed electrician and plumbers respectively to ensure they are functioning correctly.

Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Site drainage
Information:	Unless mentioned as a defect further up this report, site drainage appears to be acceptable at the time of inspection, however, the site/yard should be monitored during heavy rain to determine whether the existing drains can cope. If it appears that they cannot cope, then additional drains may be required. The general adequacy of site drainage is not included in the Standard Property Inspection Report. Comments on surface water drainage are limited as where there may have been either little or no rainfall for a period of time, surface water drainage may appear to be adequate during the inspection but then during periods of heavy rain, may be found to be inadequate. Any comments made in this section are relevant only in light of the conditions present at the time of inspection. It is recommended that a Smoke Test be obtained to determine any illegal connections, blocked or broken drains.

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.







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.