

Building Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Thu, 25 May 2023

Property Address: 8 Dresden Ave, Beacon Hill NSW 2100,

Australia



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Original Inspection Date: Thu, 25 May 2023

Modified Date: Tue, 13 Jun 2023

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
Safety Hazard	~	
Major Defect		~
Minor Defect	~	

Overall Condition

In summary, the building, compared to others of similar age and construction is in the condition documented in this report.

Section B General

General description of the property

Building Type	Residential
Company or Strata title	No
Floor	Suspended Timber Frame, Concrete
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	4
Occupied	Occupied
Orientation	East
Other Building Elements	Driveway, Footpath, Garage, Fence - Post and Rail Construction, Shed
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Architectural Trims, Architraves, Deck, Door Frames, Doors, Eaves, External Joinery, Floorboards, Stair Railing, Skirting Boards, Staircase
Roof	Timber Framed, Pitched, Tiled, Corrugated Iron (e.g. Colourbond)
Storeys	Double
Walls	Brick Veneer
Weather	Fine

Section C Accessibility

Areas Inspected

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

- Exterior
- Interior

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

Inaccessible Areas

The following areas were inaccessible:

- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection.
- Exterior Roof Surface Second Storey.
- Subfloor Part.
- Roof Exterior.

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

Obstructions and Limitations

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

- Above safe working height
- Appliances and equipment
- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection
- Ceiling linings
- External finished ground level
- Fixed Furniture Built-in Cabinetry
- Floor coverings

- Furniture
- Insulation
- Old disused HWS in roof cavity incl associated plumbing
- Stored items
- Vegetation
- Wall linings

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: **Medium**

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: Building 1 Location: All Areas

Finding: ACM visual suspected as Asbestos

Information: The area inspected is suspected asbestos-containing materials identified.

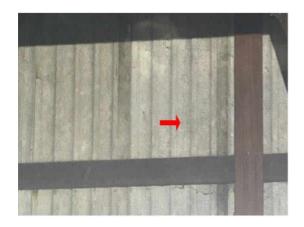
Various factors were assessed including the visual presentation of building materials, construction method and the age of the building to determine this finding.

The material appears to have no obvious signs of damage or deterioration, indicating that the asbestos is currently encapsulated and contained.

Removal by a Licensed Asbestos Removal firm would be recommended.

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No works should be carried out to the ACM or associated building elements without further specialist advice. Furthermore, areas with suspected ACMs should be avoided by all persons to minimise potential for health safety risk.











Defects 1.02

Building: Building 1
Location: Yard - Back

Finding: Balustrade - Suspected Non-Compliance (fall distance)

Information: A balustrade or barrier is required whenever there is a "fall distance" of over 1m (where

there is a difference of 1m or more between the floor and platform height).

This defect creates a potential safety hazard and should be rectified as soon as possible to ensure the safety of the area and to meet present building standards and

regulations.

A builder/ carpenter should be contacted to discuss possible rectification solutions.









Major Defect

No evidence was found

Minor Defect

Defects 3.01

Building: Building 1 Location: All Areas

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 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.













Defects 3.02

Building: Building 1

Location: All External Areas

Finding: Site drainage - suspected 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.

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

buried DPC.

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













Defects 3.03

Building: Building 1 Location: All Areas

Finding: Fencing - Deteriorated

Information: It was noted at the time of inspection that sections of the fencing throughout the

property have 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.





Defects 3.04

Building: Building 1
Location: Bathroom

Finding: Sealant - missing/ deteriorated

Information: Flexible and mould resistant materials should be applied to affected areas to prevent

any subsequent water damage that is likely to occur. Regular maintenance and replacement of damage or missing or damaged sealant and grout is highly recommended to the wet areas, as this is a regular wear and tear defect.

Sealant and grouting in areas that come into regular contact with water should be maintained for the long term care of your property. A sealant specialist or tiling contractor should be appointed to complete these works as soon as possible









Defects 3.05

Building: Building 1 Location: All Areas

Finding: Paint finish - Incomplete

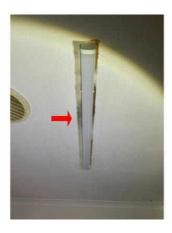
Information: The paint finish in this area was identified as being incomplete at the time of

inspection.

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

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

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



Building: Building 1 Location: All Areas

Finding: External painting deteriorated- deck

Information: Some of the external paintwork has been neglected and require attention to prepare

and re-paint.

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

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













Defects 3.07

Building: Building 1
Location: Pool Area

Finding: Render - Drummy

Information: Drummy rendered areas were identified at the time of inspection. The term 'drummy'

refers to render that has become detached from its fixing, despite it still being solid. Such defects are generally caused by physical or moisture damage to the area. Drummy render may also be a direct result of poor workmanship during the

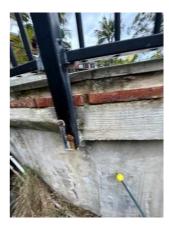
construction process.

Render may swell and shrink with changes in air humidity if the area has sustained moisture damage. Any exposure to moisture is capable of causing rendered areas to become drummy and/or cracked over a prolonged period of time. Drummy render generally requires chipping off and re-rendering or painting.

Specialist trades are available for these types of services. A builder may be required to undertake works if damage is extensive, or if secondary building defects have resulted. Immediate action is recommended to ensure that no further damage is sustained in the affected area.









Defects 3.08

Building: Building 1
Location: Pool Area
Finding: Wood rot

Information: This building element shows evidence of wood rot. Wood rot, also known as Fungal

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

ventilation in the area.

Prior to any works being performed, the cause of the moisture that has created the visible wood rot should be identified and addressed in a suitable manner.

Replacement of affected timbers may then be a necessary step in protecting surrounding building elements from such deterioration.













Defects 3.09

Building: Building 1
Location: Pool Area

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.













Defects 3.10

Building: Building 1 Location: All Areas

Finding: Subsidence suspected- Local trees and vegetation

Information: Trees and other vegetation can have a significant local effect on drying of soils. Over a

number of years, especially during drought conditions, adjacent trees and vegetation may draw excessive moisture from the soils. The opposite may also occur, where

swelling of the soil results when the trees decline or are removed.





Building: Building 1 Location: All Areas

Finding: Cracking - External Concrete Paving Damage Category 1 - Fine (less than 2mm)

Information: Fine cracks were identified in external concrete paving. Although fine cracks are quite

noticeable, they are often only considered to be an appearance defect, and usually do not indicate any structural damage. To be considered a Category 1 or fine crack, the

crack is found to be less than 2mm in width.

Generally the cause of a hairline crack in existing concrete paving such as driveways and pathways is indicative of the expansion and contraction of the concrete. Such causes are generally due to environmental factors, such as moisture levels, weather conditions, root systems of nearby trees or the soil types on which they are laid.

Fine cracks may also be due to poor original installation of the concrete. Factors such as poor compaction of the sub surface and/or inadequate reinforcing of the slab may create cracking and other secondary defects.

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









Building: Building 1 Location: All Areas

Finding: Moisture meter readings - high

Information: The moisture meter result for the areas inspected.

The moisture reading of 0-15% is quite normal and gives no cause for concern. However, moisture readings in excess of 15% indicate the need for further inspection.

Levels between 25-30% indicate that there may be water ingress, meaning that remedial work could be required.









Building: Building 1 Location: Yard - Front

Finding: Tile- Cracked or damaged

Information: Cracking was evident to the tiling in this area at the time of inspection.



Defects 3.14

Building: Building 1 Location: Shed

Finding: Roof sheets - Rusted

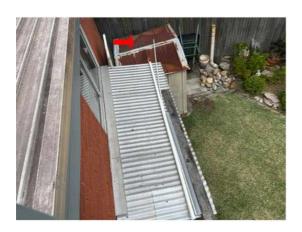
Information: Upon inspection of the exterior roofing structure, evidence of rust to these sections

was identified. If left unmanaged, these degrading joins can allow water ingress to the

internal roofing structures, potentially leading to secondary damage of building

elements. Accelerated deterioration of the roofing sheets and any associated building

elements is also likely to occur.



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
- 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

- The building when compared to others of similar age and construction at the time was in the condition of this report.

At the time of inspection there was no access under the back deck.

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 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.

The current site drainage should be assessed by a qualified plumber.

Asbestos was suspected to be present at the time of inspection. 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.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Grant Tremlett on: 0468 594 034

Section D Significant Items

The following items were noted as - For your information

Noted Item

Building: Building 1 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.





























































































Building: Building 1
Location: Roof Void

Finding: Insulation - present

Information: Upon inspection of the roof void it was noted that there is insulation.

Caution should be exercised when accessing the roof void. Do not attempt to stand on the framework to the underside of the trusses and be aware there is a potential for electric shock if contact is made with exposed or faulty electrical wiring.





Noted Item

Building: Building 1
Location: Roof Void

Finding: Sarking - installed

Information: Sarking is under the roof sheeting. Sarking acts as an insulator that helps with noise

reduction and protects against water penetration. Sarking plays a key role in the

operation and function of the overall roofing structure and its performance.





Building: Building 1 Location: All Areas

Finding: Moisture meter readings - low

Information: The moisture meter result for the areas inspected.

The moisture reading of 0-15% is quite normal and gives no cause for concern. However, moisture readings in excess of 15% indicate the need for further inspection.

Levels between 25-30% indicate that there may be water ingress, meaning that remedial work could be required.

















Building: Building 1

Location: All External Areas

Finding: External Timber Balcony or Deck - Structural Stability

Information: The load capacity of the external balcony or deck could not be verified during the

inspection.

External timber structures are also constantly exposed to weather elements and can

deteriorate in an accelerated manner, ongoing assessments are required.

It is highly recommended that a Structural Engineer further assess the external timber

balcony or deck to inform the client of its load capacity. Regular maintenance

inspections by competent practitioners is needed.













Building: Building 1
Location: Roof Void

Finding: Gravity-Fed HWS - Disconnected

Information: It was noted at the time of inspection that a disconnected gravity-fed hot water

system (HWS) remains in this area.

Despite this plumbing structure being unused, it is likely to be storing residual water, and is therefore susceptible to rust and corrosion. If allowed to continue, rust and corrosion is likely to lead to damage to adjoining building elements, and may also make the area susceptible to termite or timber pest activity.

While it is a costly exercise to remove the disused gravity-fed HWS, it is advisable in the short-term future to prevent any further damage to the area. Further consultation with a licensed plumber is required to gain further advice on removal of the structure.



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.

(ACM)

Asbestos-Containing Material 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.

A defect of sufficient magnitude where rectification has to be carried Major defect

out in order to avoid unsafe conditions, loss of utility or further

deterioration of the property.

Methamphetamine amphetamine-type stimulant that is highly addictive. An

> Methamphetamine is a controlled substance, classified as a Class A (very high-risk) drug under the Misuse of Drug Act. This term is used as a grouping term to include all substances screened for, specifically: Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, Amphetamine, Methamphetamine, MDA

and MDMA.

Methamphetamine contamination

A property or part of a property where the level of methamphetamine has been tested in accordance with this standard and found to exceed

0.5 micrograms/100 cm2 (Residential) or 10 micrograms/100 cm2

(Commercial).

Methamphetamine The manufacture of methamphetamine, including processing, production/manufacture 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. An assessment by a screening sampler to determine whether or not Screening assessment 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.

potential threat of injury or disease to persons.

Building elements or situations that present a current or immediate

Urgent and Serious Safety

Hazards

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.