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Hello & welcome to our latest newsletter!

As homeowners ourselves, we know that we all get bombarded with things to do around our homes.

There is always something to do!!

That's why we understand that checking your home for termites is not always a priority, something that is on the list of the many things that you must get around to! Did you know, however, that that termite damage is NOT covered under your home insurance policy!

So with average home values nearing half a million dollars, and many homes worth much more, having your home inspected once a year is a small price to pay to protect probably your greatest asset after your family.

So if it has been a while since you last had a termite inspection... ... why not give us a call. It is better to be safe than sorry!

Kind regards Sandy & Glenn Childs



Why not leave termite management to the experts?

Is this happening in your roof?



You hear a noise in the roof late at night and not give it another thought. Oh maybe it is just a rat or a possum. No big deal.

Or is it???

Did you know that rats in the roof can be a common cause of house

fires?? Rats love gnawing at anything, and the timbers in your roof, air conditioning ducting and electrical wiring are just some of the many things that they can destroy.

Many calls that we get are from people who think that they have a possum in their roof (usually because they are so noisy); however in most cases, it is usually rodents!

Also during some recent termite inspections we have noticed damage in a number of roof voids caused by rats. We have had one client who has had to re-build his home as it was burnt to the ground due to rodents shorting out his electrical wiring.

So next time you hear noises in your roof
..... Maybe you should be giving us a call!

Thermal imaging inspections

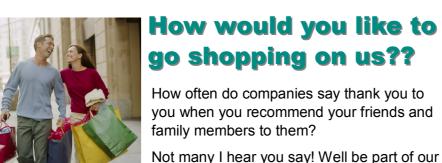
Sometimes during a visual termite inspection, especially if termite activity is found in your wall cavity, a thermal imaging inspection may be recommended as the next step. These inspections are an alternative to breaking open walls to expose activity, or an invasive inspection particularly if you don't own the property yet — as is the case in a pre-purchase inspection (carried out before you buy a home).

They do cost a bit more than a visual inspection, but so does repairing walls, missing a termite nest in a wall or roof, and even worse, buying a house that has a termite infestation!

But before choosing a company to do this work for you, did you know that not all thermal imaging inspections, equipment or inspectors are the same?

- 1. There are different types of cameras available with different levels of accuracy
- 2. Technicians need to undergo expert training & stringent certifiable accreditation
- 3. They also need to be able to interpret the images that the camera produces under a wide range of situations & environmental conditions

Thanks to services of TermiCam Commercial - Childs Pest Services can now offer a professional thermal imaging inspection to all of our clients. The technicians we use are thermographers trained and certified in Thermal Imaging for the Pest Industry to international standard ISO 20807. They are also licensed pest controllers, qualified to a minimum of Certificate III, and accredited timber pest inspectors.

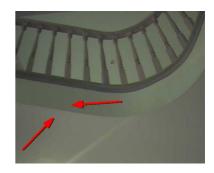


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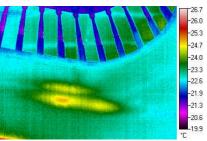
referral program and we will say "Thank You"

So tell your friends to mention your name when they book their treatment with us so you can go shopping soon!! The more people you refer to us ... the more you will have to spend!!

If you would like more information about this exciting program, or any of the services we offer then call our office on 45 777 910



Thermal and digital images of termites nesting in the ceiling of a two storey home. The only visual clue was a tiny spot of mud on the ceiling. We used the thermal in this instance to assist us in finding all the termite nesting sites without causing major damage to the home.



If you would like to know more about this exciting technology - call us today!



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