

Vendor Statement

The vendor makes this statement in respect of the land in accordance with section 32 of the *Sale of Land Act 1962*.

This statement must be signed by the vendor and given to the purchaser before the purchaser signs the contract.

The vendor may sign by electronic signature.

The purchaser acknowledges being given this statement signed by the vendor with the attached documents before the purchaser signed any contract.

Land

12 Baker Street, Cockatoo 3781

Vendor's name

Peter Barry Gardner

Date

29/1/21

Vendor's
signature

Vendor's name

Debra Ann Gardner

Date

29/1/21

Vendor's
signature

Purchaser's
name

Date

/ /

Purchaser's
signature

Purchaser's
name

Date

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Purchaser's
signature

1. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1.1 Particulars of any Rates, Taxes, Charges or Other Similar Outgoings (and any interest on them)

(a) Are contained in the attached certificate/s.

1.2 Particulars of any Charge (whether registered or not) imposed by or under any Act to secure an amount due under that Act, including the amount owing under the charge

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Other particulars (including dates and times of payments):
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1.3 Terms Contract

This section 1.3 only applies if this vendor statement is in respect of a terms contract where the purchaser is obliged to make 2 or more payments (other than a deposit or final payment) to the vendor after the execution of the contract and before the purchaser is entitled to a conveyance or transfer of the land.

Not Applicable.

1.4 Sale Subject to Mortgage

This section 1.4 only applies if this vendor statement is in respect of a contract which provides that any mortgage (whether registered or unregistered), is NOT to be discharged before the purchaser becomes entitled to possession or receipts of rents and profits.

Not Applicable.

2. INSURANCE

2.1 Damage and Destruction

This section 2.1 only applies if this vendor statement is in respect of a contract which does NOT provide for the land to remain at the risk of the vendor until the purchaser becomes entitled to possession or receipt of rents and profits.

Not Applicable.

2.2 Owner Builder

This section 2.2 only applies where there is a residence on the land that was constructed by an owner-builder within the preceding 6 years and section 137B of the *Building Act* 1993 applies to the residence.

Not Applicable.

3. LAND USE

3.1 Easements, Covenants or Other Similar Restrictions

(a) A description of any easement, covenant or other similar restriction affecting the land (whether registered or unregistered): -

Is in the attached copies of title documents.

(b) Particulars of any existing failure to comply with that easement, covenant or other similar restriction are:

To the best of the vendors knowledge there is no existing failure to comply with the terms of any easement, covenant or other similar restriction.
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3.2 Road Access

There is NO access to the property by road if the square box is marked with an 'X'

3.3 Designated Bushfire Prone Area

The land is in a designated bushfire prone area under section 192A of the *Building Act* 1993 if the square box is marked with an 'X'

3.4 Planning Scheme

Attached is a certificate with the required specified information.

4. NOTICES

4.1 Notice, Order, Declaration, Report or Recommendation

Particulars of any notice, order, declaration, report or recommendation of a public authority or government department or approved proposal directly and currently affecting the land, being a notice, order, declaration, report, recommendation or approved proposal of which the vendor might reasonably be expected to have knowledge:

Not Applicable.

4.2 Agricultural Chemicals

There are NO notices, property management plans, reports or orders in respect of the land issued by a government department or public authority in relation to livestock disease or contamination by agricultural chemicals affecting the ongoing use of the land for agricultural purposes. However, if this is not the case, the details of any such notices, property management plans, reports or orders, are as follows:

Nil.

4.3 Compulsory Acquisition

The particulars of any notices of intention to acquire that have been served under section 6 of the *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986* are as follows:

Nil.

5. BUILDING PERMITS

Particulars of any building permit issued under the *Building Act 1993* in the preceding 7 years (required only where there is a residence on the land):

Not Applicable.

6. OWNERS CORPORATION

This section 6 only applies if the land is affected by an owners corporation within the meaning of the *Owners Corporations Act 2006*.

Not Applicable.

7. GROWTH AREAS INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION (“GAIC”)

Not applicable.

8. SERVICES

The services which are marked with an ‘X’ in the accompanying square box are NOT connected to the land:

Electricity supply <input type="checkbox"/>	Gas supply <input type="checkbox"/>	Water supply <input type="checkbox"/>	Sewerage <input type="checkbox"/>	Telephone services <input type="checkbox"/>
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9. TITLE

Attached are copies of the following documents:

9.1 (a) Registered Title

A Register Search Statement and the document, or part of a document, referred to as the 'diagram location' in that statement which identifies the land and its location.

10. SUBDIVISION

10.1 Unregistered Subdivision

This section 10.1 only applies if the land is subject to a subdivision which is not registered.

Not Applicable.

10.2 Staged Subdivision

This section 10.2 only applies if the land is part of a staged subdivision within the meaning of section 37 of the *Subdivision Act 1988*.

Not Applicable.

10.3 Further Plan of Subdivision

This section 10.3 only applies if the land is subject to a subdivision in respect of which a further plan within the meaning of the *Subdivision Act 1988* is proposed.

Not Applicable.

11. DISCLOSURE OF ENERGY INFORMATION

(Disclosure of this information is not required under section 32 of the Sale of Land Act 1962 but may be included in this vendor statement for convenience.)

Details of any energy efficiency information required to be disclosed regarding a disclosure affected building or disclosure area affected area of a building as defined by the *Building Energy Efficiency Disclosure Act 2010* (Cth)

- (a) to be a building or part of a building used or capable of being used as an office for administrative, clerical, professional or similar based activities including any support facilities; and
- (b) which has a net lettable area of at least 1000m²; (but does not include a building under a strata title system or if an occupancy permit was issued less than 2 years before the relevant date):

Not Applicable.

12. DUE DILIGENCE CHECKLIST

(The Sale of Land Act 1962 provides that the vendor or the vendor's licensed estate agent must make a prescribed due diligence checklist available to purchasers before offering land for sale that is vacant residential land or land on which there is a residence. The due diligence checklist is NOT required to be provided with, or attached to, this vendor statement but the checklist may be attached as a matter of convenience.)

- Vacant Residential Land or Land with a Residence
- Attach Due Diligence Checklist (this will be attached if ticked)

13. ATTACHMENTS

(Any certificates, documents and other attachments may be annexed to this section 13)

(Additional information may be added to this section 13 where there is insufficient space in any of the earlier sections)

(Attached is an "Additional Vendor Statement" if section 1.3 (Terms Contract) or section 1.4 (Sale Subject to Mortgage) applies)

14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The property contains a Spa, and no Compliance Certificate has been sought from Council in regards to the fencing for this Spa.



**REGISTER SEARCH STATEMENT (Title Search) Transfer of
Land Act 1958**

VOLUME 04219 FOLIO 601

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LAND DESCRIPTION

Lot 38 on Plan of Subdivision 006808.
PARENT TITLE Volume 03945 Folio 806
Created by instrument 0890193 13/06/1919

REGISTERED PROPRIETOR

Estate Fee Simple
Joint Proprietors
PETER BARRY GARDNER
DEBRA ANN GARDNER both of 62 WOORI YALLOCK RD COCKATOO 3781
T692289U 22/05/1995

ENCUMBRANCES, CAVEATS AND NOTICES

MORTGAGE AG101977N 24/09/2008
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA

Any encumbrances created by Section 98 Transfer of Land Act 1958 or Section 24 Subdivision Act 1988 and any other encumbrances shown or entered on the plan or imaged folio set out under DIAGRAM LOCATION below.

DIAGRAM LOCATION

SEE TP477224B FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND BOUNDARIES

ACTIVITY IN THE LAST 125 DAYS

NIL

-----END OF REGISTER SEARCH STATEMENT-----

Additional information: (not part of the Register Search Statement)

Street Address: 12 BAKER STREET COCKATOO VIC 3781

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICES

NIL

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PLAN OF SUBDIVISION OF
 OF CROWN ALLOTMENT 123
PARISH OF GEMBROOK

COUNTY OF EVELYN
 VOL 2571 FOL 129 VOL 3945 FOL 806

Measurements are in Feet & Inches
 Conversion Factor
 FEET x 0.3048 = METRES

ENCUMBRANCES
 AS TO THE LAND MARKED E-2:
 ANY EASEMENTS AFFECTING
 THE SAME

NOTATIONS
 WATERWAY NOTATION:
 LOTS 11, 22, 25, 26, 27 & 59 IN THIS PLAN
 MAY ABUT CROWN LAND THAT MAY BE
 SUBJECT TO A CROWN LICENCE TO USE

APPROPRIATIONS
 THE LAND COLOURED BLUE IS
 APPROPRIATED OR SET APART
 FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES

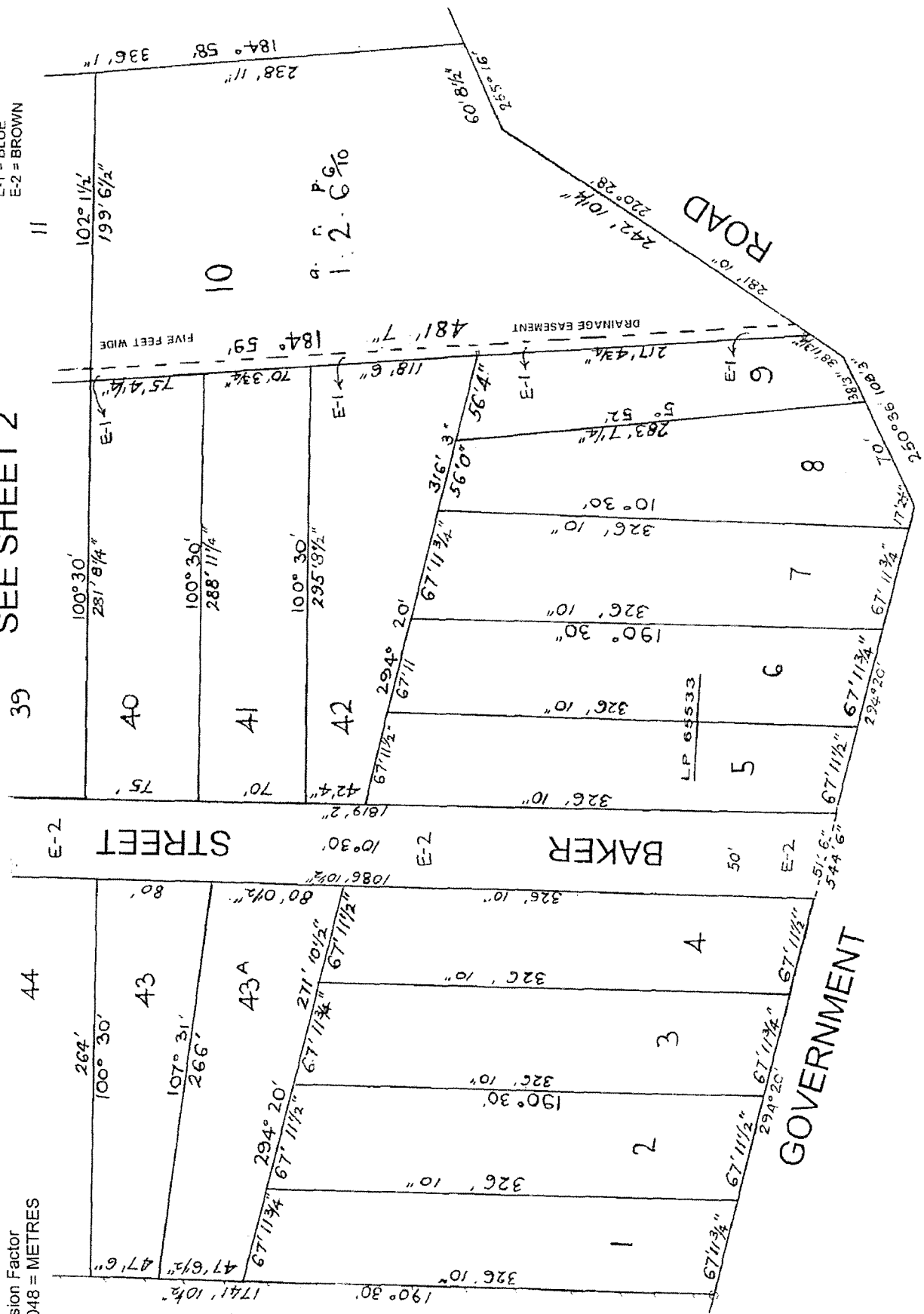
THE LAND COLOUR BROWN IS
 APPROPRIATED OR SET APART FOR
 ROADS

LP 6808
 EDITION 2
 PLAN MAY BE LODGED 28/01/16.

3 SHEETS
SHEET 1

COLOUR CODE
 E-1 = BLUE
 E-2 = BROWN

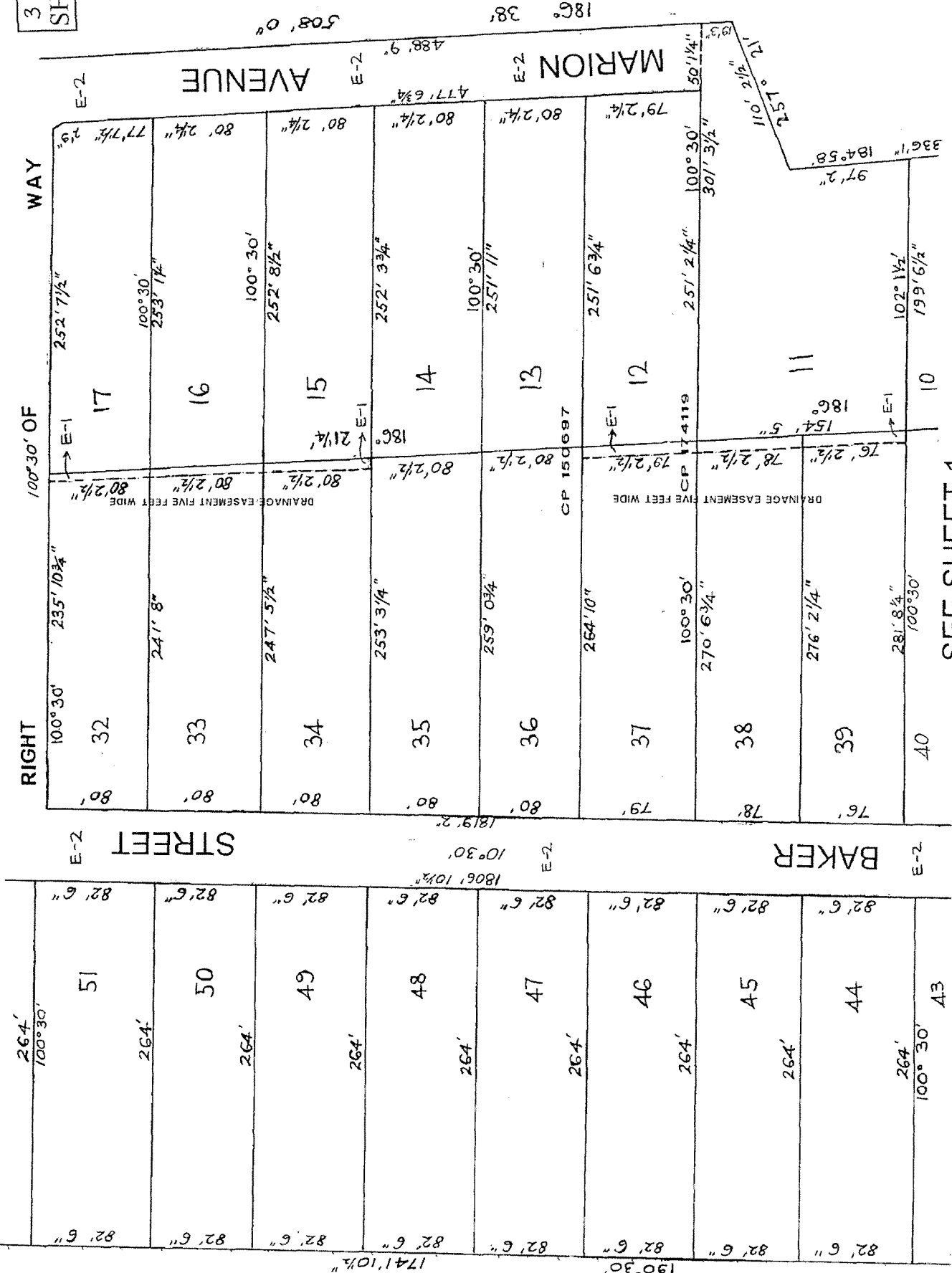
SEE SHEET 2



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3 SHEETS
SHEET 2

SEE SHEET 3



SEE SHEET 1

Valuation, rates and charges notice

For period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021



ABN 32 210 906 807



Gardner, P B & D A
12 Baker St
COCKATOO VIC 3781

Paid Bpay 14/9/2020

Instalment 1	\$492.00
Due date	30/09/2020
Date of issue	21/08/2020
Property number	2053150500

Instalment 2 Due 30 November 2020	\$492.00
Instalment 3 Due 28 Feb 2021	\$492.00
Instalment 4 Due 31 May 2021	\$493.67

Annual total If you prefer, you can pay this amount by 30 September 2020.	\$1,969.67
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Description and location of property:

12 Baker St
Cockatoo 3781
L38 LP6808

How your 2020-21 rates were calculated

Capital Improved Value (CIV)	\$545,000
x rate in dollar	x \$0.002812
= Council charges	= \$1,532.54
+ Fire Services Property Levy	+ \$142.43
+ waste charges	+ \$294.70
- or + credit or arrears	
- Concession/Rebate	
= Annual total	\$1,969.67

For more information on these charges, see the back page of this notice.

Payment options

FlexiPay
Set up regular payments to suit your budget at cardinia.vic.gov.au/rates

BPAY
Billir code: 858944
Ref: 20531505004

BPAY @ this payment via internet or phone banking
BPAY View @ - view and pay this bill via internet banking
BPAY View registration number:20531505004

Post Billpay
Billpay Code: 0860
Ref: 2053 1505 0000 004

Call 131.816, go to postbillpay.com.au or visit an Australia Post store



Set up regular Centrepay deductions from your Centrelink payments at www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/centrepay CRN: 555 012 959V



Pay in person at our Customer Service Centre
20 Siding Avenue, Officer. (Open Monday to Friday, 8.30am-5pm).

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For emailed notices
cardinia.enotices.com.au
Reference No: 50944766FZ



Instalment *860 205315050000004

For more information



1300 787 624



www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/rates



YOUR QUARTERLY BILL



308640-001 009292(18583) 0028

MR P & MRS D GARDINER
12 BAKER ST
COCKATOO VIC 3781

Enquiries	1300 304 688
Faults (24/7)	13 2762
Payment assistance	1800 994 789

Account number	37 8036 0000
Invoice number	3785 3771 44092
Issue date	12 Mar 2020
Property address	12 BAKER ST COCKATOO
Property reference	1382588, LOT 38

Tax Invoice Yarra Valley Water ABN 93 066 902 501

yvw.com.au

SUMMARY

Previous bill	\$499.48
Payment received thank you	-\$499.48
Balance carried forward	\$0.00
This bill	
Usage charges	
Water usage	\$616.30
Sewage disposal	\$111.32
Service charges	
Water supply system	\$19.42
Sewerage system	\$113.94
Other authority charges	
Waterways	\$13.94
Total this bill (GST does not apply)	\$874.92
Total balance	\$874.92



- Usage charges
- Service charges
- Other authority charges

Hey Melbourne,
Let's make every drop count.
Target 155 litres per person, per day.



Q Target 155



PLANNING CERTIFICATE

Official certificate issued under Section 199 Planning & Environment Act 1987
and the Planning and Environment Regulations 2005

CERTIFICATE REFERENCE NUMBER

712388

APPLICANT'S NAME & ADDRESS

J MACGREGOR LEGAL C/- INFOTRACK C/- LANDATA
MELBOURNE

VENDOR

GARDNER, PETER BARRY

PURCHASER

-, -

REFERENCE

569042

This certificate is issued for:

LOT 38 PLAN LP6808 ALSO KNOWN AS 12 BAKER STREET COCKATOO
CARDINIA SHIRE

The land is covered by the:

CARDINIA PLANNING SCHEME

The Minister for Planning is the responsible authority issuing the Certificate.

The land:

- is included in a LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE - SCHEDULE 2
- is within a DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY - SCHEDULE 1
- and a BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT OVERLAY - SCHEDULE 2
- and a VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY - SCHEDULE 1
- and is AREA OUTSIDE THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY

A detailed definition of the applicable Planning Scheme is available at :
(<http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/schemes/cardinia>)

Historic buildings and land protected under the Heritage Act 1995 are recorded in the Victorian Heritage Register at:
(<http://vhd.heritage.vic.gov.au/>)

Additional site-specific controls may apply.
The Planning Scheme Ordinance should be checked carefully.
The above information includes all amendments to planning scheme maps placed on public exhibition up to the date of issue of this certificate and which are still the subject of active consideration

Copies of Planning Schemes and Amendments can be inspected at the relevant municipal offices.

LANDATA®
2 Lonsdale Street
Melbourne VIC 3000
Tel: (03) 9194 0606

25 January 2021

Hon. Richard Wynne MP
Minister for Planning

The attached certificate is issued by the Minister for Planning of the State of Victoria and is protected by statute.

The document has been issued based on the property information you provided. You should check the map below - it highlights the property identified from your information.

If this property is different to the one expected, you can phone (03) 9194 0606 or email landata.enquiries@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Please note: The map is for reference purposes only and does not form part of the certificate.



Choose the authoritative Planning Certificate

Why rely on anything less?

As part of your section 32 statement, the authoritative Planning Certificate provides you and / or your customer with the statutory protection of the State of Victoria.

Order online before 4pm to receive your authoritative Planning Certificate the same day, in most cases within the hour. Next business day delivery, if further information is required from you.

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PLANNING PROPERTY REPORT



Environment,
Land, Water
and Planning

From www.planning.vic.gov.au at 25 January 2021 09:08 PM

PROPERTY DETAILS

Address: **12 BAKER STREET COCKATOO 3781**
 Lot and Plan Number: **Lot 38 LP6808**
 Standard Parcel Identifier (SPI): **38\LP6808**
 Local Government Area (Council): **CARDINIA**
 Council Property Number: **2053150500**
 Planning Scheme: **Cardinia**
 Directory Reference: **Melway 311 F5**

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au

[Planning Scheme - Cardinia](#)

UTILITIES

Rural Water Corporation: **Southern Rural Water**
 Melbourne Water Retailer: **Yarra Valley Water**
 Melbourne Water: **Inside drainage boundary**
 Power Distributor: **AUSNET**

[View location in VicPlan](#)

STATE ELECTORATES

Legislative Council: **EASTERN VICTORIA**
 Legislative Assembly: **GEMBROOK**

Planning Zones

[LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE \(LDRZ\)](#)

[LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE - SCHEDULE 2 \(LDRZ2\)](#)



Note: labels for zones may appear outside the actual zone - please compare the labels with the legend.

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Planning Overlays

BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT OVERLAY (BMO)

BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT OVERLAY - SCHEDULE 2 (BMO2)



BMO - Bushfire Management Water course

Note: due to overlaps, some overlays may not be visible, and some colours may not match those in the legend

DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY (DDO)

DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY - SCHEDULE 1 (DDO1)



DDO - Design and Development Water course

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Planning Overlays

VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY (VPO)
VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY – SCHEDULE 1 (VPO1)



VPO - Vegetation Protection Water course

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OTHER OVERLAYS

Other overlays in the vicinity not directly affecting this land

- ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY (ESO)
- HERITAGE OVERLAY (HO)
- RESTRUCTURE OVERLAY (RO)
- SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPE OVERLAY (SLO)



ESO - Environmental Significance HO - Heritage RO - Restructure
 SLO - Significant Landscape Water course

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Areas of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity

All or part of this property is an 'area of cultural heritage sensitivity'.

'Areas of cultural heritage sensitivity' are defined under the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018, and include registered Aboriginal cultural heritage places and land form types that are generally regarded as more likely to contain Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Under the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018, 'areas of cultural heritage sensitivity' are one part of a two part trigger which require a 'cultural heritage management plan' be prepared where a listed 'high impact activity' is proposed.

If a significant land use change is proposed (for example, a subdivision into 3 or more lots), a cultural heritage management plan may be triggered. One or two dwellings, works ancillary to a dwelling, services to a dwelling, alteration of buildings and minor works are examples of works exempt from this requirement.

Under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006, where a cultural heritage management plan is required, planning permits, licences and work authorities cannot be issued unless the cultural heritage management plan has been approved for the activity.

For further information about whether a Cultural Heritage Management Plan is required go to <http://www.aav.nrms.net.au/aavQuestion1.aspx>

More information, including links to both the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 and the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018, can also be found here - <https://www.aboriginalvictoria.vic.gov.au/aboriginal-heritage-legislation>



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Further Planning Information

Planning scheme data last updated on 20 January 2021.

A **planning scheme** sets out policies and requirements for the use, development and protection of land. This report provides information about the zone and overlay provisions that apply to the selected land. Information about the State and local policy, particular, general and operational provisions of the local planning scheme that may affect the use of this land can be obtained by contacting the local council or by visiting <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au>

This report is NOT a **Planning Certificate** issued pursuant to Section 199 of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**. It does not include information about exhibited planning scheme amendments, or zonings that may affect the land. To obtain a Planning Certificate go to Titles and Property Certificates at Landata - <https://www.landata.vic.gov.au>

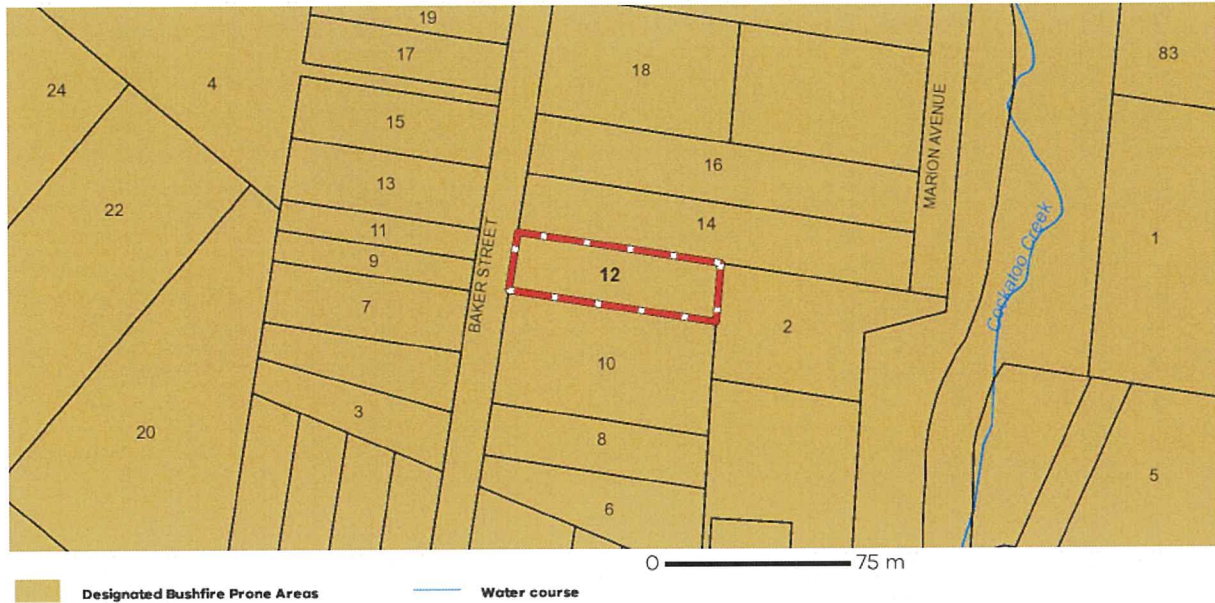
For details of surrounding properties, use this service to get the Reports for properties of interest.

To view planning zones, overlay and heritage information in an interactive format visit <https://mapshare.maps.vic.gov.au/vicoplan>

For other information about planning in Victoria visit <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au>

Designated Bushfire Prone Areas

This property is in a designated bushfire prone area.
Special bushfire construction requirements apply. Planning provisions may apply.



Designated bushfire prone areas as determined by the Minister for Planning are in effect from 8 September 2011 and amended from time to time.

The Building Regulations 2018 through application of the Building Code of Australia, apply bushfire protection standards for building works in designated bushfire prone areas.

Designated bushfire prone areas maps can be viewed on VicPlan at <https://mapshare.maps.vic.gov.au/vicplan> or at the relevant local council.

Note: prior to 8 September 2011, the whole of Victoria was designated as bushfire prone area for the purposes of the building control system.

Further information about the building control system and building in bushfire prone areas can be found on the Victorian Building Authority website <https://www.vba.vic.gov.au>

Copies of the Building Act and Building Regulations are available from <http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au>

For Planning Scheme Provisions in bushfire areas visit <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au>

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Due diligence checklist

What you need to know before buying a residential property

Before you buy a home, you should be aware of a range of issues that may affect that property and impose restrictions or obligations on you, if you buy it. This checklist aims to help you identify whether any of these issues will affect you. The questions are a starting point only and you may need to seek professional advice to answer some of them. You can find links to organisations and web pages that can help you learn more, by visiting the [Due diligence checklist page on the Consumer Affairs Victoria website](http://consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist) (consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist).

Urban living

Moving to the inner city?

High density areas are attractive for their entertainment and service areas, but these activities create increased traffic as well as noise and odours from businesses and people. Familiarising yourself with the character of the area will give you a balanced understanding of what to expect.

Is the property subject to an owners corporation?

If the property is part of a subdivision with common property such as driveways or grounds, it may be subject to an owners corporation. You may be required to pay fees and follow rules that restrict what you can do on your property, such as a ban on pet ownership.

Growth areas

Are you moving to a growth area?

You should investigate whether you will be required to pay a growth areas infrastructure contribution.

Flood and fire risk

Does this property experience flooding or bushfire?

Properties are sometimes subject to the risk of fire and flooding due to their location. You should properly investigate these risks and consider their implications for land management, buildings and insurance premiums.

Rural properties

Moving to the country?

If you are looking at property in a rural zone, consider:

- Is the surrounding land use compatible with your lifestyle expectations? Farming can create noise or odour that may be at odds with your expectations of a rural lifestyle.
- Are you considering removing native vegetation? There are regulations which affect your ability to remove native vegetation on private property.
- Do you understand your obligations to manage weeds and pest animals?

Can you build new dwellings?

Does the property adjoin crown land, have a water frontage, contain a disused government road, or are there any crown licences associated with the land?

Is there any earth resource activity such as mining in the area?

You may wish to find out more about exploration, mining and quarrying activity on or near the property and consider the issue of petroleum, geothermal and greenhouse gas sequestration permits, leases and licences, extractive industry authorisations and mineral licences.

Soil and groundwater contamination

Has previous land use affected the soil or groundwater?

You should consider whether past activities, including the use of adjacent land, may have caused contamination at the site and whether this may prevent you from doing certain things to or on the land in the future.

(04/10/2016)

Land boundaries

Do you know the exact boundary of the property?

You should compare the measurements shown on the title document with actual fences and buildings on the property, to make sure the boundaries match. If you have concerns about this, you can speak to your lawyer or conveyancer, or commission a site survey to establish property boundaries.

Planning controls

Can you change how the property is used, or the buildings on it?

All land is subject to a planning scheme, run by the local council. How the property is zoned and any overlays that may apply, will determine how the land can be used. This may restrict such things as whether you can build on vacant land or how you can alter or develop the land and its buildings over time.

The local council can give you advice about the planning scheme, as well as details of any other restrictions that may apply, such as design guidelines or bushfire safety design. There may also be restrictions – known as encumbrances – on the property's title, which prevent you from developing the property. You can find out about encumbrances by looking at the section 32 statement.

Are there any proposed or granted planning permits?

The local council can advise you if there are any proposed or issued planning permits for any properties close by. Significant developments in your area may change the local 'character' (predominant style of the area) and may increase noise or traffic near the property.

Safety

Is the building safe to live in?

Building laws are in place to ensure building safety. Professional building inspections can help you assess the property for electrical safety, possible illegal building work, adequate pool or spa fencing and the presence of asbestos, termites, or other potential hazards.

Building permits

Have any buildings or retaining walls on the property been altered, or do you plan to alter them?

There are laws and regulations about how buildings and retaining walls are constructed, which you may wish to investigate to ensure any completed or proposed building work is approved. The local council may be able to give you information about any building permits issued for recent building works done to the property, and what you must do to plan new work. You can also commission a private building surveyor's assessment.

Are any recent building or renovation works covered by insurance?

Ask the vendor if there is any owner-builder insurance or builder's warranty to cover defects in the work done to the property.

Utilities and essential services

Does the property have working connections for water, sewerage, electricity, gas, telephone and internet?

Unconnected services may not be available, or may incur a fee to connect. You may also need to choose from a range of suppliers for these services. This may be particularly important in rural areas where some services are not available.

Buyers' rights

Do you know your rights when buying a property?

The contract of sale and section 32 statement contain important information about the property, so you should request to see these and read them thoroughly. Many people engage a lawyer or conveyancer to help them understand the contracts and ensure the sale goes through correctly. If you intend to hire a professional, you should consider speaking to them before you commit to the sale. There are also important rules about the way private sales and auctions are conducted. These may include a cooling-off period and specific rights associated with 'off the plan' sales. The important thing to remember is that, as the buyer, you have rights.

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