GEOTECHNICAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR PITTWATER FORM NO. 1 – To be submitted with Development Application

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GEOTECHNICAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR PITTWATER FORM NO. 1(a) - Checklist of Requirements for Geotechnical Risk Management Report for Development Application

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GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION:

Alterations and Additions at 18 Grenfell Avenue, North Narrabeen

1. Proposed Development

- **1.1** Construct a new carport.
- 1.2 Extend the ground floor of the house to the N and extend the existing ensuite.
 Add a timber porch on the S side of the house and a timber alfresco on the N side of the house.
- **1.3** Add a new first floor addition to the existing house.
- **1.4** Various other minor internal and external alterations to the existing house.
- 1.5 Install a new pool on the N side of the house by excavating to a maximum depth of ~1.7m.
- Details of the proposed development are shown on 13 drawings provided by Ukalovic Design, project number 2035, drawings numbered 1 to 13, Revision A, dated 4/6/21.

2. Site Description

- **2.1** The site was inspected on the 23rd June, 2021.
- 2.2 This residential property is level with the road. The block is located on the near level terrain W of South Creek.
- 2.3 At the road frontage, a concrete and brick paved driveway runs on along the E side of the house to a fiberboard garage (Photo 1). Between the road frontage and the house is a level lawn area. The single storey weatherboard clad house is supported by brick walls and brick piers (Photos 1 & 2). The supporting walls and piers stand vertical and show no significant signs of movement (Photo 3). A timber deck extends off the N



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side of the house. A level lawn extends from the deck to the N property boundary

(Photo 4). The adjoining neighbouring properties were observed to be in good order

as seen from the street and subject property.

3. Geology

The Sydney 1:100 000 Geological sheet indicates the site is underlain by the Narrabeen Group

of Rocks with the contact point of Alluvial Stream and Estuarine Sediment (Qha) in close

proximity to the N, E and S sides of the property. Ground testing indicates the Alluvial Stream

and Estuarine Sediment underlies the proposed works. These are described as silty to peaty

quartz sand, silt and clay with ferruginous and humic cementation in places and common shell

layers.

4. Subsurface Investigation

Four Auger holes were put down to identify the soil materials. Two Dynamic Cone

Penetrometer (DCP) tests were put down to determine the relative density of the sands

underlying the site. The locations of the tests are shown on the site plan. It should be noted

that a level of caution should be applied when interpreting DCP test results. The test will not

pass through hard buried objects so in some instances it can be difficult to determine whether

refusal has occurred on an obstruction in the profile or on the natural rock surface. This is not

expected to be an issue for the testing on this site. But due to the possibility that the actual

ground conditions vary from our interpretation there should be allowances in the excavation

and foundation budget to account for this. We refer to the appended "Important Information"

about Your Report" to further clarify. The results are as follows:

TEST RESULTS ON NEXT PAGE



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AUGER HOLE 1 (~RL2.2) - AH1 (Photo 1)

Depth (m)	Material Encountered
0.0 to 0.5	SILTY SAND , brown, moist, fine to medium grained with fine trace organic matter.
0.5 to 0.9	SAND, light yellow/brown, moist, fine to medium grained.
0.9 to 1.0	PEATY SAND, dark grey and black, damp.
1.0 to 1.5	SAND, grey, wet to very wet, medium grained.

End of Hole @ 1.5m. Watertable encountered at ~1.1m.

AUGER HOLE 2 (~RL2.1) – AH2 (Photo 2)

Depth (m)	Material Encountered
0.0 to 0.3	SANDY SOIL , brown, moist, fine to medium grained with fine trace organic matter.
0.3 to 0.8	SAND , with shell fragments, light yellow/brown, moist, fine to medium grained.
0.8 to 0.9	PEATY SAND, with shell fragments, dark grey and black, damp.
0.9 to 1.4	SAND , with shell fragments, grey, wet to very wet, medium grained.

End of Hole @ 1.4m. Watertable encountered at ~1.0m.

AUGER HOLE 3 (~RL2.1) – AH3 (Photo 3)

Depth (m)	Material Encountered
0.0 to 0.3	SANDY SOIL , brown, moist, fine to medium grained with fine trace organic matter.
0.3 to 0.8	SAND , with trace shell fragments, light yellow/brown, moist, fine to medium grained.
0.8 to 0.9	PEATY SAND , with trace shell fragments, dark grey and black, damp.
0.9 to 1.4	SAND , with trace shell fragments, grey, wet to very wet, medium
	grained.

End of Hole @ 1.4m. Watertable encountered at ~1.0m.



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AUGER HOLE 4 (~RL2.0) – AH4 (Photo 4)

Depth (m)	Material Encountered
0.0 to 0.6	SANDY SOIL , brown, moist, fine to medium grained with fine trace organic matter.
0.6 to 0.8	SAND , with trace shell fragments, light yellow/brown, moist, fine to medium grained.
0.8 to 0.9	SAND, grey, wet, medium grained.

End of Hole @ 0.9m. No watertable encountered.

DCP TEST RESULTS – Dynamic Cone Penetrometer			
Equipment: 9kg hammer, 5	10mm drop, conical tip.	Standard: AS1289.6.3.2 - 1997	
Depth(m) DCP 1		DCP 2	
Blows/0.3m	(~RL2.0)	(~RL2.2)	
0.0 to 0.3	2F	2	
0.3 to 0.6	2F	3	
0.6 to 0.9	4	3	
0.9 to 1.2	9	8	
1.2 to 1.5	9	13	
1.5 to 1.8	14	14	
1.8 to 2.1	15	15	
2.1 to 2.4	16	11	
2.4 to 2.7	11	9	
2.7 to 3.0	11	6	
3.0 to 3.3	12	6	
3.3 to 3.6	15	12	
3.6 to 3.9	34	23	
3.9 to 4.2	38	28	
4.2 to 4.5	#	32	
4.5 to 4.8		#	
	End of Test @ 4.2m	End of Test @ 4.5m	

#refusal/end of test. F = DCP fell after being struck showing little resistance through all or part of the interval.



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DCP Notes:

DCP1 – End of test @ 4.2m, DCP still very slowly going down, grey sand on damp tip.

DCP2 – End of test @ 4.5m, DCP still very slowly going down, grey sand on damp tip.

5. Geological Observations/Interpretation

The site is underlain by alluvial sediment that extends to the extent of the testing at 4.5m. To

summarise the test results, Loose silty sand and sandy soil overlies Loose sand to a depth of

~0.9m. These overlie a thin ~0.1m layer of Loose peaty sand. The peaty sand overlies sands

that vary in density between Loose to Medium Dense that extend to a depth of 3.6m. These

overlie Medium Dense to Dense Sands to at least the extent of the testing at 4.5m. See the

Type Section attached for a diagrammatical representation of the expected ground materials.

6. Groundwater

The watertable was encountered at an average depth of ~1.0m (~RL1.1) below the current

surface. This is to be noted by the pool builders as it will have an impact on excavation stability

and the excavation walls will need to be supported until the pool structure is in place as per

the recommendations in Section 13. It should be noted the watertable fluctuates with the

tide and climatic changes.

7. Surface Water

No evidence of surface flows were observed on the property during the inspection. Normal

sheet wash that is generated on the property will be quickly be absorbed into the sandy soil

where surfaces are unsealed.

8. Geotechnical Hazards and Risk Analysis

No geotechnical hazards were observed above, below or beside the property. The proposed

excavation for the pool is a potential hazard until retaining structures are in place

(Hazard One).



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Geotechnical Hazards and Risk Analysis - Risk Analysis Summary

HAZARDS	Hazard One	
ТҮРЕ	The proposed excavation for the pool collapsing onto the work site and impacting the neighbouring properties before retaining structures are in place.	
LIKELIHOOD	'Possible' (10 ⁻³)	
CONSEQUENCES TO PROPERTY	'Medium' (15%)	
RISK TO PROPERTY	'Moderate' (2 x 10 ⁻⁴)	
RISK TO LIFE 8.3 x 10 ⁻⁶ /annum		
COMMENTS	This level of risk to life and property is 'UNACCEPTABLE'. To move risk to 'ACCEPTABLE' levels, the recommendations in Section 13 are to be followed.	

(See Aust. Geomech. Jnl. Mar 2007 Vol. 42 No 1, for full explanation of terms)

9. Suitability of the Proposed Development for the Site

The proposed development is suitable for the site. No geotechnical hazards will be created by the completion of the proposed development provided it is carried out in accordance with the requirements of this report and good engineering and building practice.

10. Stormwater

The fall is to Grenfell Avenue. All stormwater from the proposed development is to be piped to the street drainage system through any tanks that may be required by the regulating authorities.

11. Excavations

An excavation to a maximum depth of ~1.7m is required to install the proposed pool. The excavation is expected to be through sandy soil, silty sand, sand and peaty sand. It is envisaged that excavations through soil and sand can be carried out with an excavator and bucket.



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12. Vibrations

Possible vibrations generated during excavations through soil and sand will be below the

threshold limit for building damage.

13. Excavation Support Requirements

An excavation to a maximum depth of ~1.7m is required to install the proposed pool. The

excavation is set back sufficiently from the W neighbouring garage and N neighbouring

secondary dwelling/outbuilding. The excavation is set back ~1.8m from the N common

boundary and ~1.4m from the W common boundary. The N and W common boundaries will

be within the zone of influence of the proposed excavation. In this instance, the zone of

influence is the area above a theoretical 30° line through sand from the base of the excavation

towards the surrounding structures and boundaries. Additionally, the watertable was

encountered at a depth from ~1.0m to ~1.1m. This has implications for the excavation stability

that need to be considered in the design and construction.

The N and W boundary fences are to be braced, prior to the excavation commencing.

The cut batters are to be temporarily supported until the pool structure is in place. The ground

support is to be designed and approved by a structural engineer. Seepage is expected through

the profile from a depth of ~1.0m and is likely the water will cause undercutting and slumping

through the batter. An example of suitable ground support is a sandbag retaining wall that is

installed as the excavation is progressed and remains in place while the pool is formed and

poured. The sandbags allow water flow but prevent sediment movement and subsequent

batter collapse. It should be noted that this is one of many possible shoring solutions.

A sump and pump will be required during construction to keep the base of the pool excavation

dry. Pumps should only be used when they are required for construction and should not be

left operating consistently at other times to minimise draw down effects on the watertable.



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The materials and labour to construct the pool is to be organised so on completion of the excavations it can be constructed as soon as possible. The excavations are to be carried out during a dry period. No excavations are to commence if heavy or prolonged rainfall is forecast.

All excavation spoil is to be removed from site following the current Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) waste classification guidelines.

14. Retaining Structures

For cantilever or singly-propped retaining structures, it is suggested the design be based on a triangular pressure distribution of lateral pressures using the parameters shown in Table 1.

Table 1 – Likely Earth Pressures for Retaining Structures

Unit	Earth Pressure Coefficients		
	Unit weight (kN/m³)	'Active' Ka	'At Rest' K ₀
Sand	20	0.40	0.55

For rock classes refer to Pells et al "Design Loadings for Foundations on Shale and Sandstone in the Sydney Region". Australian Geomechanics Journal 1978.

It is to be noted that the earth pressures in Table 1 assume a level surface above the structure, do not account for any surcharge loads and assume retaining structures are fully drained. Ground materials and relevant earth pressure coefficients are to be confirmed on site by the geotechnical consultant.

All retaining structures are to have sufficient back-wall drainage and be backfilled immediately behind the structure with free-draining material (such as gravel). This material is to be wrapped in a non-woven Geotextile fabric (i.e. Bidim A34 or similar), to prevent the drainage from becoming clogged with silt and clay. If no back-wall drainage is installed in retaining structures, the likely hydrostatic pressures are to be accounted for in the structural design.



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15. Foundations

Spread footings supported on the underlying Loose Sand/Sandy Soil and taken to a minimum

depth of 0.4m are suitable footings for the proposed carport and house additions. A maximum

allowable bearing pressure of 100kPa can be assumed for footings on Loose Sand/Sandy Soil

The footing walls are to be shored with timber to prevent collapse. The base of the footing

excavations in sand should be compacted as the excavation will loosen the upper sands. This

can be carried out with a hand-held plate compactor. Water may be used to assist in

compaction in sand but footing materials should be kept damp but not saturated. As a guide

to the level of compaction required a density index of >85% is to be achieved.

The proposed pool is expected to be seated in loose to medium dense sand. Although the

underlying ground material at the base of the pool has an adequate bearing pressure to

support the pool we recommend screw piles be installed to prevent possible 'pop-out' that

can occur when the pool is empty and floats on the water table and subsequently pops out of

the ground. The Structural Engineer is to calculate the required pressure for the screw piles

to resist buoyancy.

Note that we do not certify screw pile foundations. Screw pile design varies between

contractors and we are not privy to the details of individual design or how the screw pile

contractor converts torque to bearing pressure. As such, the screw pile contractor is totally

responsible for ensuring the screw piles can support the loads on the piles and that these are

within acceptable settlement limits.

If another method of "hold down" is used and the pool can be supported on the sand at the

base of the excavation, it should be compacted as the excavation will loosen the upper sands.

This can be carried out with a hand-held plate compactor. As a guide to the level of

compaction required, a density index of >65% is to be achieved, correlating to a dense sand.

The geotechnical consultant is to inspect and test the compacted base of the pool excavation

to ensure the required density has been achieved.



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If the cost of these measures to prevent 'pop out' are considered too much and the owners

wish to support the pool on the base of the excavation only, we point out the pool will always

need to be kept full of water to prevent the possibility of it floating on the water table during

wet periods. We recommend the pool be anchored. If it is not and the pool does pop out of

the ground, we accept no liability whatsoever.

As the area around the pool will become saturated during pool use, it is recommended any

paving around the pool be supported on a raft slab. The rafts are to be taken to a depth of

0.4m below the current surface. This will reduce the risk of settlement around the pool that

can result from ongoing saturation of the soil.

16. Inspections

The client and builder are to familiarise themselves with the following required inspection as

well as council geotechnical policy. We cannot provide geotechnical certification for the

Occupation Certificate if the following inspection has not been carried out during the

construction process.

• All footings (excluding screw pile foundations) are to be inspected and approved by

the geotechnical consultant while the excavation equipment is still onsite and before

steel reinforcing is placed or concrete is poured.

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Photo 1



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Photo 5: AH1 – Downhole is from left to right.



Photo 6: AH2 – Downhole is from left to right.



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Photo 7: AH3 – Downhole is from left to right.



Photo 8: AH4 – Downhole is from left to right.



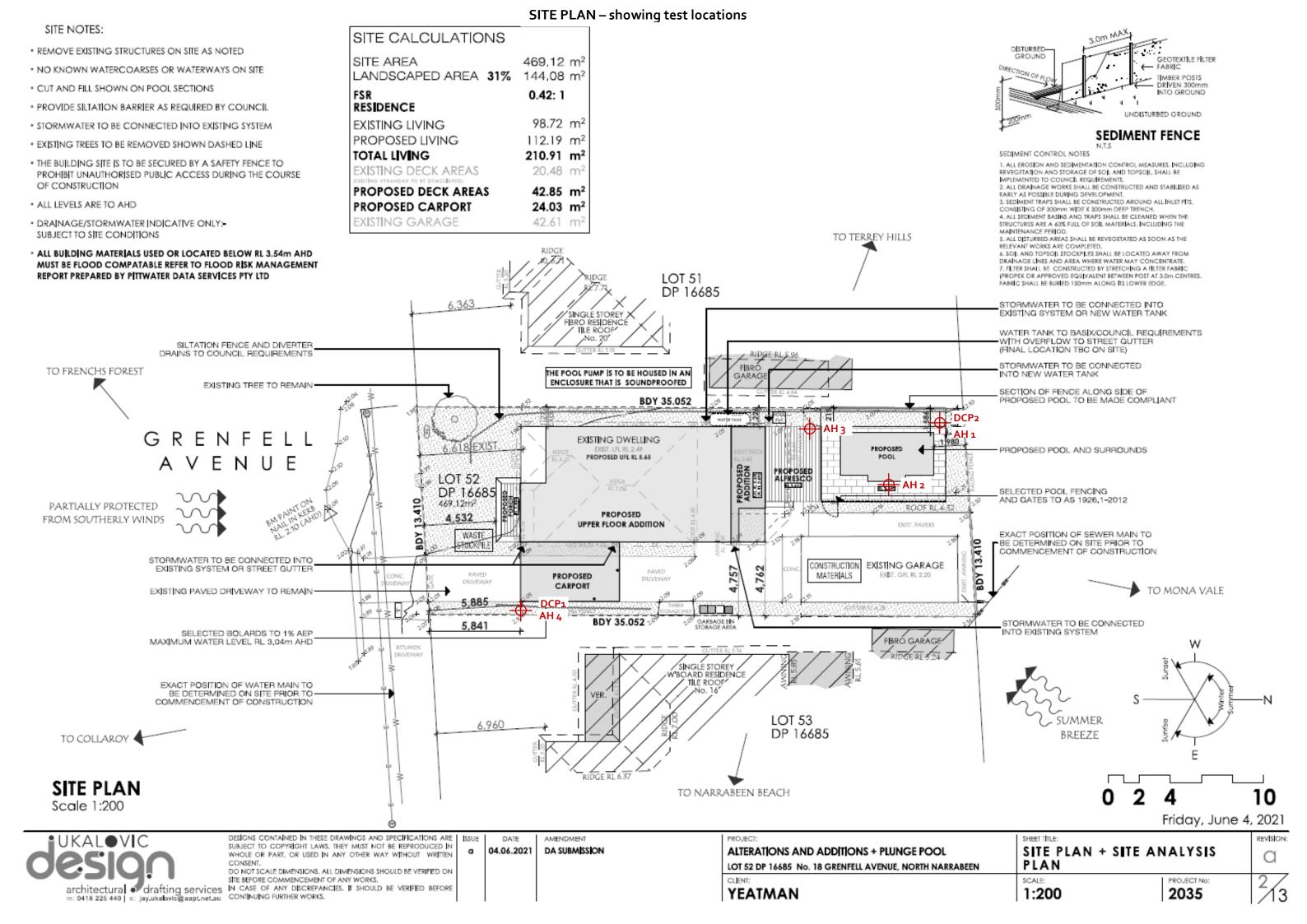
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Important Information about Your Report

It should be noted that Geotechnical Reports are documents that build a picture of the subsurface conditions from the observation of surface features and testing carried out at specific points on the site. The spacing and location of the test points can be limited by the location of existing structures on the site or by budget and time constraints of the client. Additionally, the test themselves, although chosen for their suitability for the particular project, have their own limiting factors. The testing gives accurate information at the location of the test, within the confines of the test's capability. A geological interpretation or model is developed by joining these test points using all available data and drawing on previous experience of the geotechnical consultant. Even the most experienced practitioners cannot determine every possible feature or change that may lie below the earth. All of the subsurface features can only be known when they are revealed by excavation. As such, a Geotechnical report can be considered an interpretive document. It is based on factual data but also on opinion and judgement that comes with a level of uncertainty. This information is provided to help explain the nature and limitations of your report.

With this in mind, the following points are to be noted:

- If upon the commencement of the works the subsurface ground or ground water conditions prove
 different from those described in this report, it is advisable to contact White Geotechnical Group
 immediately, as problems relating to the ground works phase of construction are far easier and
 less costly to overcome if they are addressed early.
- If this report is used by other professionals during the design or construction process, any questions should be directed to White Geotechnical Group as only we understand the full methodology behind the report's conclusions.
- The report addresses issues relating to your specific design and site. If the proposed project design changes, aspects of the report may no longer apply. Contact White Geotechnical if this occurs.
- This report should not be applied to any other project other than that outlined in section 1.0.
- This report is to be read in full and should not have sections removed or included in other documents as this can result in misinterpretation of the data by others.
- It is common for the design and construction process to be adapted as it progresses (sometimes
 to suit the previous experience of the contractors involved). If alternative design and construction
 processes are required to those described in this report, contact White Geotechnical Group. We
 are familiar with a variety of techniques to reduce risk and can advise if your proposed methods
 are suitable for the site conditions.



TYPE SECTION - Diagrammatical Interpretation of expected Ground Materials

