



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 17882
2. **NAME** *Chittering Park Homestead* (c.1855)  
**OTHER NAMES** Gartsford; Spring Valley
3. **LOCATION** 1104 and 1136 Chittering Road, Bullsbrook
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
  1. Lot 32 on Plan 11638 and being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1458 Folio 991
  2. Portion of Lot 36 on Plan 15413 and being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1723 Folio 530together as shown on Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No. 17882 prepared by Midland Survey Services
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Swan
6. **OWNER**
  1. Gladys May Tucker
  2. Lyle Wayne Tucker and Debra Catherine Tucker
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	18/11/2008
	Permanent Entry	09/10/2009
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:		-----
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*Chittering Park Homestead*, Bullsbrook, comprising the entrance drive, a bridge over the Brockman River, a cob house set in a small, enclosed garden, a farm shed complex, a chimney remaining from a former worker's cottage, other farmyard elements, and mature olive, citrus and pine trees, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the residential building is a rare example of both a cob building and a mid-19th century homestead residence, and which has retained a very high level of integrity and authenticity;

the place has the ability to yield information about the method of constructing cob walling, a distinctive earth building technique with strong vernacular traditions originating in England, and that was promoted in technical literature for colonial settlement but relatively rarely used either in this State or in Australia as a whole;

the place, with its strong vernacular aesthetic of buildings, structures and landscape, demonstrates the principal characteristics of a rural landscape modified for farming and fruit growing practices and the modest way of life of the people who lived and worked on these properties in the 19th and early 20th century;

the place is associated with George Sewell, a significant local landholder in the area from the 1850s to the 1870s, who employed a substantial number of ticket-of-leave men; and,

the place illustrates the earliest European settlement of this particular regional area and its importance as an early, continuous and successful fruit growing region of Western Australia.

The mature Japanese Pepper tree (*Schinus terebinthifolius*) in the north eastern corner of the house garden is of some significance for its association with the on-going development of the place by the Tucker family in the mid-20th century. However, it has been identified as an invasive species and is currently suckering as a dense thicket. It is therefore considered to be intrusive for the damage that it is causing to the garden and, potentially, the house.