

## A Brief History

### “Syred’s Cottage”

#### Lot 203, Central Place, Bejoording

**1859 – 2014:** William Edward Syred purchased Lots 3 and 28. The original section of the homestead is built on Lot 3 (now Lot 203), and over four generations was occupied or owned by members of the Syred family.

**1974:** The Shire of Toodyay and the local community assumed management and preservation of the homestead site.

**1982:** The first restrictive covenant was placed on the section of Lot 3 (now Lot 203) occupied by the homestead and farm buildings. The Shire leased the site at a peppercorn rent.

**2002:** A Conservation Management Plan by Laura Gray was prepared for the Bejoording Community Group Inc.

**2004:** The homestead complex and the adjoining Central Square site became a permanent entry on the State Heritage List.

**2012:** Syred’s Cottage Structural report by Maitland Engineering was produced for the Shire.

**2014:** A second Deed of Covenant was signed between Peter Syred and the National Trust to further protect the heritage values of the property, and subsequently the Shire of Toodyay assumed ownership of the property.

**2015:** The Shire of Toodyay Council decided to sell the property.

**2018:** Expressions of Interest for the purchase of Syred’s Cottage were sought through public advertising.