

## AVVVA Member Profile

# REX DOWNIE

Club member, Rex Downie, is interested in 1920's and 1930's vehicles and has seven restored and a further five "projects" underway. A walk around his workshop sees a 1912 Talbot, an REO truck and an International truck coming together and a 1929 Chandler nearing completion.

Outside, past a two door "A" model Ford waiting to come into the workshop to start restoration, is the main garage, which houses a 1929 Marquette in original condition, as well as a 1925 Talbot, 1926 DeSoto, 1927 Dodge "Fast" 4, 1922 Citroen, 1927 Oakland and a beautiful 1922 Minerva. The garage is also home to "T" and "A" model Fords. The collection includes a Harley Davidson and a very early belt drive BSA motor bike.

Looking at the walls of the workshop, it is obvious that Rex's other passion is collecting number plates from Western Australian Shires with over 200 on display.

Rex has been an active club member for around 15 years. Club participation has included a spell as Vice President, many years organizing the club's annual Swap Meet and he is currently on the Committee for this year's event. Rex and his wife Chris regularly attend those Club functions that are suited to Rex's older vehicles.

In their spare time, Rex and Chris continue to maintain their historic home and surrounding buildings at Katrine.

