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The car needs to be restored to its former glory – who can rescue this important car?



Restoration has been started but there's still plenty to do!

Welcome to the first Association of Healey Owners email *bulletin*

If you come across a piece of news that you think would be of urgent interest to Association members, please email me and I will do my best to communicate it as quickly as possible. This bulletin is thanks to John Jaap's eagle eyes or of course it could be as a result of his scheduled searches and alerts...

For Sale: Healey Duncan Sports Saloon

Patrick Quinn is selling one of his Healey Duncan Sports Saloons. Not the fully restored one he recently acquired at auction, but the restoration project that he has owned since 1987. It was acquired in a dismantled state and over the next 37 years restoration has progressed as far as a bare chassis. So this is – in Patrick's own words – "most certainly a project not for the faint hearted".

First New Zealand Grand Prix

All Duncan bodied Healeys were sold new in the UK, but one was taken to New Zealand in late 1948. It is this car that is now offered for sale.

While in New Zealand it was the darling of the motoring press and featured in a number of motoring publications of the day. It also competed in races at the Ohakea aerodrome circuit in 1950 in an event that is now seen as the first New Zealand Grand Prix.

It is not known how this car arrived in Australia, but it was seen in a used car lot in the Sydney suburb of Double Bay in 1956. It was next seen in damaged state at Granville a couple of years later and purchased by a young enthusiast with the intention of making it roadworthy. Since then it passed through three sets of hands until Patrick bought it in 1987 in a dismantled state.

More Details & Car Location

The car is located in KURRAJONG HEIGHTS, NSW, 2758, Australia.

For more details please see ebay item number [231198382283](https://www.ebay.com/itm/231198382283), the auction expires today!



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Condition

Unfortunately this car is not in running condition and is most certainly a project not for the faint hearted. While the mechanicals were restored during 1960s, they would need careful scrutiny. The unique Healey chassis has been restored just a couple of years back and remains in perfect condition. Such important parts as the cockpit capping (all in original formed Perspex), instruments, seats etc. are all there. The challenge with this car will be the bodywork and being coachbuilt will also require woodworking skills.

My intention with this unusual and highly rare car was to restore it to its former glory, but when one of the three running Healey Duncan Sports Saloons came up for auction late last year in the UK I raised my hand at the right time and we bought it. There are a small number of photos of this car included so you can see what the finished car looks like.

Hurry if you are interested

If you are really interested in the restoration of this significant motor car feel free to ask Patrick a question through ebay or call Patrick on 0417 673 065.

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Duncan Healeys

Between late 1945 and early 1954 a total of 1,287 Healey cars were produced by the Donald Healey Motor Company. In total there were 781 Healey cars built with Riley drivetrains and these were in the main fitted with a number of differing body styles.

In the early days of Healey car production a partnership was also formed with Duncan Industries (Engineers) Ltd for the supply of rolling chassis to be fitted with differing body styles. In total, 40 Healeys were supplied to Duncan Industries from 1946 to 1948 and two were fitted with roadster bodywork, 15 received Drone bodywork (cheap bodies to avoid UK tax) and 23 were built with saloon coachbuilt bodywork. The saloon became known as the Healey Duncan Sports Saloon.

Like all Healey cars the Healey Duncan Sports Saloon was capable of 100mph and for a time a Healey car wore the distinction of being the fastest saloon in the world.



Front suspension before chassis restoration



Looks fast standing still... What a Healey Duncan Sports Saloon looks like once fully restored



Remember – this is not the car you are buying – but the dream that you could realise once restoration is complete

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