

Sergio's 1958 VNA - Restoration



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Sergio, a proud PX200 owner, always wanted a vintage Vespa so he decided to buy an "rebuilt" one from Bali. Unfortunately it turned out to be another Asian import lemon and, after my advice, he decided to get rid of it before spending too much to make it safe to ride. A 1958 VNA came up for sale and he decided to go for a full restoration that ultimately, although more expensive than the Bali alternative, was going to give him a beautiful authentic Italian vehicle.

The rear of the frame was in pretty good condition but the front, especially around the horn area, was damaged and out of shape. The edge of the leg shield was cracked in several places and the floor was also in need of a lot of Tender Loving Care.

The engine was dismantled and in several boxes but most parts were in very good condition. The original Italian front fork was brand new and it wasn't too difficult to source some missing parts both in Italy and from GPS Imports in Melbourne.





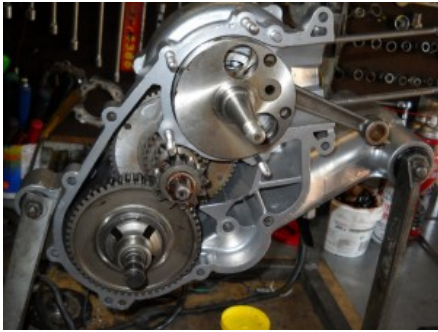
Andrew, the panel beater at Bike Craft in Moorabbin, did the difficult job of reshaping the old body to its former beauty and the following pictures show the progress of his work.





As the work on the body was progressing, the engine aluminium components were Hydroblasted and the whole unit was rebuilt from scratch





And finally...here she is, slowly coming back to life





There are no words to describe the emotions that Sergio experienced when he drove this beauty for the first time, shortly after these last pictures were taken