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FROM THE AUSTRALIAN MOTOR HERITAGE FOUNDATION

AU\$1.9 billion spent annually on classic vehicle mechanical repairs

The Australian Motor Heritage Foundation's 2024 landmark Automotive Heritage Economic Impact Survey has revealed that Australian motoring enthusiasts' spending on mechanical repairs each year has a \$1.9 billion economic impact on the Australian economy.

The Chief Operating Officer of the AMHF, Geoff Piggott said:

At \$1.9 billion, spending on specialised and general vehicle mechanical repairs is the top-ranking category of expenditure of Australia's motoring enthusiasts. Mechanical repairs on older vehicles often require specialised knowledge and skills that are becoming difficult to source and are in high demand.

Including mechanical repairs, the Survey revealed that motoring enthusiasts contribute a massive \$9.9 billion to the economy through parts and accessories, restorations, fuel, insurance, vehicle registration, racing, lifestyle, publications, entertainment and automotive related holidays and clothing.

The AMHF survey also revealed that motoring enthusiasts' passion generates \$2.8 billion in annual wages from 42,000 direct jobs.

Geoff Piggott added:

Over the next few months, the AMHF will be releasing key facts from the survey on specific areas of motoring enthusiasts' expenditure, and highlighting the significant economic contribution we make to the broader Australian economy. The AMHF will be sharing this information with motoring

clubs, industry and stakeholders and is a reminder that motoring enthusiasts should not be overlooked.

To obtain more information about the AMHF's survey, please follow this link:
<https://motorheritage.org.au/economic-value-study-of-australias-historic-vehicle-sector/>

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