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# Sounds of celebration for radio buffs

The Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club is part of a world-wide celebration of the Centenary of organised amateur radio in Australia that began with what is now the world's oldest continuing national radio society.

Henry Lundell, the club's president, said as part of the celebration the club will be conducting its 35th Annual Field Day weekend at Port Macquarie on Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13.

"An amateur radio field day is an opportunity for amateur radio operators and people who are interested in the hobby to meet each other," Mr Lundell said.

"The field day at Port Macquarie will showcase a diverse range of

activities ranging from displays of various aspects of amateur radio communications to events of skill such as locating hidden radio transmitters."

The Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club was founded in Port Macquarie in 1971.

The club has conducted a field day every year since 1976.

"It is with great pleasure that this year we celebrate 100 years of amateur radio at the club's 35th annual field day during the centenary year of the Wireless Institute of Australia," Mr Lundell said.

"The club is pleased to announce that Michael Owen, the president of the Wireless Institute will be attending both days of the field day weekend.

"An important role of the field day is to encourage newcomers to the hobby.

"The Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club has a long history of education and runs regular training courses," Mr Lundell added.

The field day venue is the Sea Scout hall in Buller Street, Port Macquarie.

The hall is next door to the West Port Bowling Club.

Saturday June 12 is a social day with a number of hidden transmitter events and an informal dinner at 6pm at the Port City Bowling Club in Owen Street.

Sunday, June 13 is the main day of displays and events in the Sea Scout hall commencing at 8:30am. The field day concludes at 3pm.

"The Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club invites everyone who would like to learn more about the hobby of Amateur Radio to visit the Sea Scout Hall on the afternoon of Saturday, June 12 or on the morning of Sunday, June 13," Mr Lundell said.

"Members of the club and the Wireless Institute of Australia will be available to answer questions and will be only too pleased to explain how an amateur radio station licence can be obtained in just one weekend. Entry to the Field Day costs just \$5 per person."

The national radio society, the Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA) was founded in Sydney in 1910 making it the world's oldest continuing organisation of its kind.

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