



□ Roger Wilco: Henry Lundell, president of the Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club, and vice-president Jim Neil will celebrate 100 years of amateur radio in Australia this weekend at the club's 35th Annual Field Day.

Radio ga-ga for beginners

RADIO buffs from across the state will make waves in Port Macquarie this weekend.

The Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club will host its 35th Annual Field Day on Saturday and Sunday.

Club president Henry Lundell expects about 150 visitors to the two day event.

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

This weekend's event is part of a celebration of the centenary of organised amateur radio in Australia.

The national radio society, the Wireless Institute of Australia, was founded in Sydney 100 years ago.

It is the world's oldest continuing organisation of its kind.

The institute's president Michael Owen will be in Port Macquarie for the weekend's activities.

The Oxley Amateur Radio Club was founded in Port Macquarie 39 years ago.

For 35 years the club has conducted a field day.

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

The venue for the weekend's

activities is the Sea Scout hall in Buller St, Port Macquarie.

"We invite everyone who would like to learn more about the hobby of amateur radio to visit the Sea Scout hall on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning," 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 \$5 per person.

The Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club has a long history of education and runs regular training courses.

For more information, visit www.orarc.org