

Ku-ring-gai Historical Society & Hornsby and Districts Amateur Radio Club

CENTENARY CELEBRATION: 1918 - 2018

**of the first direct wireless message from
United Kingdom to Australia - Wales to Wahroonga**

in Cleveland and Stuart Streets, Wahroonga

Saturday 22 September

11am – 4pm

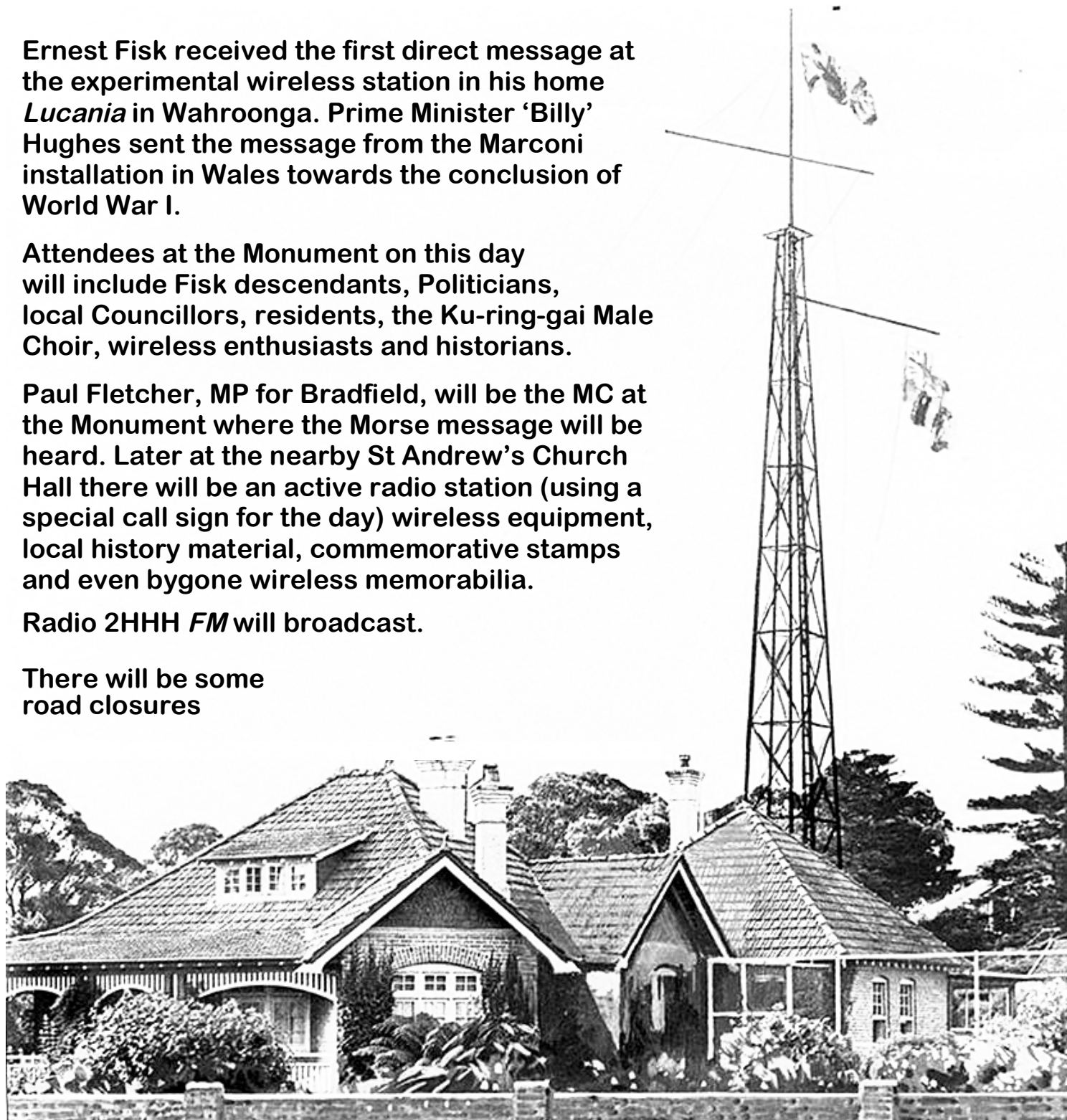
Ernest Fisk received the first direct message at the experimental wireless station in his home *Lucania* in Wahroonga. Prime Minister 'Billy' Hughes sent the message from the Marconi installation in Wales towards the conclusion of World War I.

Attendees at the Monument on this day will include Fisk descendants, Politicians, local Councillors, residents, the Ku-ring-gai Male Choir, wireless enthusiasts and historians.

Paul Fletcher, MP for Bradfield, will be the MC at the Monument where the Morse message will be heard. Later at the nearby St Andrew's Church Hall there will be an active radio station (using a special call sign for the day) wireless equipment, local history material, commemorative stamps and even bygone wireless memorabilia.

Radio 2HHH *FM* will broadcast.

There will be some road closures



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CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Wales to Wahrenonga

SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2018

- 10.30am** In Wahrenonga Village, The City of Sydney Town Crier, Graham Keating, announces the day's activities.
- 11.00am** Displays open in St Andrew's Church Hall and will stay open to the public until 4pm.
- 12.45pm** Attendees arrive at the Monument.
- 1.00pm** Choir sings Welsh anthem and God Save the King followed by introductions.
- 1.15pm** PM Billy Hughes' Morse message is heard
Paul Fletcher MP reads the Morsecodian's words to the gathering.
- An explanation about the significance of the 100 year celebration will be given.
- Attendees then move to St Andrew's Church Hall, where Paul Fletcher MP will conduct proceedings.
- The Choir will perform a song of their choice followed by the Welsh and Australian anthems.
- Formalities close.
- 4.00pm** Close of displays.

11am - 3.30pm – Refreshments & Sausage Sizzle available.

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