

## LEOP's and our guest Milly Parker - August Newsletter 2012

**Meetings:** First Tuesday of the Month  
**Lunch:** Gold coin donation  
**Convenors:** Shirley Glance & Peter Willcocks  
**Pixel Mixer:** Peter Willcocks  
**Last Meeting:** Hampton Community Centre  
Tuesday 1st August 2012 12:30- 2:30pm  
**Attendance:** 25  
**August Speaker:** Grant Roberts Bayside City Council

**September Speaker:** Milly Parker  
**Next Meeting: Hampton Community Centre**  
**14 Willis Street Hampton**  
**TUESDAY 4th September 2012 12:30 to 2:30pm**

### THANKS to Grant Roberts

Grant the MetroAccess- Community Building Officer for the Bayside City Council inspired us with his support for our group. He suggested that if we saw ways in which the Bayside Council could improve its services to the disability sector that we should contact the relevant department directly but also forward a copy to him to keep any eye on the process.

### Council Concerns

As a result of the speaker Grant Roberts , a sub-committee is being organised to raise concerns with our local councils. This sub-committee meeting will start at 12.00 noon 30 minutes before our general meeting, all members are welcome to attend.

### Shirley is Feldenkraising

Shirley has started her sessions with Ruth Frommer at Health Horizons and is loving it. She told me that it just so relaxing and that she feels that she turned another corner to good health.

### Help from the web

[www.rotary.org/en/EndPolio/](http://www.rotary.org/en/EndPolio/) [www.polioaustralia.org.au/](http://www.polioaustralia.org.au/) [www.poliotoday.org/](http://www.poliotoday.org/)  
[www.postpoliovictoria.com/](http://www.postpoliovictoria.com/) [www.polionetworkvic.asn.au/](http://www.polionetworkvic.asn.au/) [www.post-polio.org/](http://www.post-polio.org/)

### Polio Update 15th August 2012

W.H.O. recorded 121 cases of polio for 2012  
(325 for the same period 2011)  
In 2011 there were a total of 650 recorded polio cases.

### The Polio Network Victoria

#### Celebrating 25 years

#### Leopard Lodge Melbourne Zoo 26th October 12 Noon to 2:30pm

So far we have 18 people that are attending from the Bayside Group. There will be friends from all over the state attending. The book "Iron Wills: Victorian Survivors' Polio Stories" will be launched by the Governor of Victoria. "Iron Wills" has a foreword by Sir Gustav Nossal, an historical background by Jo-An Partridge and a short history of the Polio Network Victoria by Fran Henke. There are stories from 30 or so others who make their contribution to our history by telling their stories. I have seen a proof copy and it is a great read. The intention is to print 200 hard copies @ \$20ea and sell the rest as an e-book (digital copy).

**Reservations for Polio Day and transport contact  
Shirley on 9592 8212 or 0411 660 860**



### September Guest Milly Parker

### Yooralla in the 21st century

Milly is one dynamic individual she is heavily involved with the NDIS, supports a stack of disability enterprises and is extremely proud to be an ambassador for Yooralla. After a motor accident Milly was left with acquired brain injury. With lots of support and personal drive she lives independently has started a home based business marketing gourmet dog biscuits over the internet. Harrods of London sells her edible gold dog biscuits for £35 (\$53.70) each.

**Join Milly and her passion for life on 4th Sept.**

**21 August 2012  
Polio Australia Register of  
polios in Australia**

**1788 and counting**

Add your name call  
Peter 9578 5953.

**Bentleigh Sunday Market (Rotary Club of Bentleigh / Moorabbin Central)  
Sundays 7am - 12noon (Opposite Coles supermarket near the Bentleigh Railway Station)**

**Need help getting to our meetings call Peter 9578 5953 or Shirley 9592 8212**

**Carer at our meetings:** We all require different levels of assistance, unfortunately for legal reasons any assistance is undertaken at your own risk. Providing carer support at our meetings is extremely important as it enables us all to get out and about, enjoy our friendships and provide peer support.

### **Mesopotamia Exhibition - by our Maureen Grant**

*Exhibition finishes 7th October Melbourne Museum.*

**The Wonders of Ancient Mesopotamia** is the title of the current exhibition at the Melbourne Museum. This follows 3 successful Exhibitions held recently in Melbourne – namely Tutankhamen, Titanic and Pompeii.

The word Mesopotamia actually means “the land between the rivers.” The two rivers are the Tigris and the Euphrates – the area of modern Iraq.

The theme of the Exhibition is palaces, royal power, religious beliefs, rituals, and the myths and legends that surround ancient Mesopotamia. This exhibition is presented in 3 sections.

(map from Google Maps)



**SUMER** – The artefacts from the city of Ur shows many examples of the clay tablets used by the Sumerians to communicate. The Sumerians are credited with inventing the earliest form of writing – around 3500BC. Clay tablets were unearthed showing simple pictures or pictograms which represent an object or idea. Other highlights of the Sumer exhibition were:

Cylinder Seals – made from metal or shell that were rolled onto clay to produce a unique impression or signature, that was used to indicate ownership.

Gold Jewellery and treasures from royalty make up some of this display.

**Lamassu** – this creature was used to guard the entrance to the throne room of King Sargon. This is a large sculpture, has a human bearded head, body and ears of a bull and powerful wings of a bird. When viewed from the side the creature appears to be walking and when viewed from the front, to be standing still. It is actually represented with 5 legs, rather than 4.

**ASSYRIA** – This section of the exhibition shows many massive stone carvings that represent stories and themes of the era, and almost invariably depict how powerful the king was. Some of these carvings have been given greater interest by the use of large interactive screens, that emphasise more of the detailed carvings and explain the stories or messages depicted. There are also smaller touch screens, where a more detailed commentary can be accessed through video footage and clear audible explanations. Some of these screens have simple stories and pictures as an education tool for children.

Another section of the Assyrian exhibit shows footage of the English Archaeologists – again on large screens. Agatha Christie is shown working along side her second husband Max Mallowan. Her main role was assisting him to catalogue the many artefacts as they were uncovered. It is not surprising that she used this area as a backdrop to some of her books.

**BABYLON** – almost as soon as you think Babylon, you think Hanging Gardens and the Tower of Babel. Well, apart from showing more extremely large and well-designed palaces, many associated with Nebuchadnezzar (refer your Old Testament), the highlight of this part for me was first, the message that no reliable trace has ever been found of The Hanging Gardens of Babylon. And second, to also discover that there is absolutely no evidence whatever of anything remotely like the Tower of Babel having ever existed, even though people over the generations from the prophets of the Old Testament right up to 19th and 20th century European painters and sculptors have portrayed them in word and picture.

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