

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

NORMA OLLIVER & BERNARD LAYBURN

We are delighted to announce that Norma Olliver and Bernard Layburn have been presented with a Life Membership of SeniorNet North Shore.



Norma joined our Club in 2014 and for six years has been our Treasurer. She has been very supportive and co-operative during those years, so we were delighted to offer her this honour.

Bernard joined in 2016 and almost immediately agreed to be our Auditor. He was always constructive in helping us to finalise and present our results correctly and again we were pleased to recognise his expertise and commitment with a Life Membership.



PETER PATTEN

OUR VALUED EXPERT



Peter was presented with a bottle of wine for his assistance and contribution to our club, in particular, his invaluable help with the Constitution changes and the finalisation of our annual balance sheet.

Hopefully he will share it with his lovely Jocelyn!



SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

PROFESSOR STEPHEN HOADLEY

Stephen Hoadley is Associate Professor of Politics and International Relations at the University of Auckland's Faculty of Arts. Prof. Hoadley's talk sketches the Russian world view as shaped by their historical experiences. It then explains how obscure KGB operative Lt Col Vladimir Putin became President Putin, and what he accomplished in twenty years of rule. Then it traces the evolution of an independent Ukraine, Putin's invasion, and the Western response.



DOUBLED – REDOUBLED!

OUR NEW BRIDGE SESSIONS

Our new Bridge sessions for new players has started very successfully – so much so we are now going to be running it twice a month – and by popular choice – on a Sunday afternoon from 1:00pm to when we all decide our brains are full!

These will be on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month – the first being immediately after the Sunday meeting. Ian Handricks is our teacher and if you want a great afternoon, bring along your lunch and join our happy group!

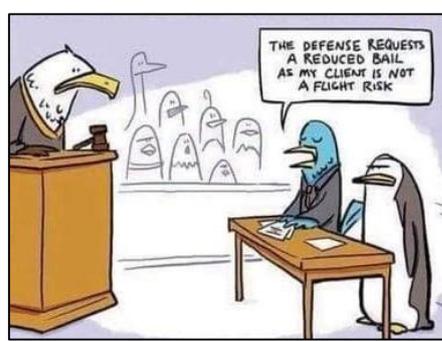


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CHAIR REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2022

We had a very pleasing number of members attend our AGM on Sunday 14 August and I am happy to advise that our current Committee Members were re-elected with the addition of Ruth Healy. Our Constitution stipulates that the chairperson can only stand for two years unless that person receives a majority of 75% support at the AGM. As there was only one nomination for chairperson I was re-elected for a fourth year. I do urge you all to consider next year as truly this will be the last year I will stand as Chair. I would gladly stay on committee after that if required to help out with procedural matters. Having been on the committee since March 2011 I do know how things are organised within.



I believe we have a good group – as you know June McCullough is our new Treasurer as Norma had been in that role for 6 years, however Norma was willing to remain on the committee. Ruth Healy is on board as our new Secretary and with her professional background will be a great asset. All other committee members will continue as before which is very good for continuity and support.

As you will see in our included Annual Report we have some very dedicated members who take on various roles to make things run smoothly in addition to the committee. These members are all volunteers who give their time and knowledge freely as do our Tutors and our Speaker Organiser and my thanks go out to all. Our aim is to have fun and learn from each other and I believe we do that very well. We will continue to develop new session ideas.

Membership renewals are strong – they are due now and if you have not paid then you need to do so by 31 August. Those that have paid will find their new orange membership badges in the little box by the check in diary – in alphabetical order by family name.

As you know there are a lot of potential scammers out there. If you use internet banking one very good tip that saved me an issue was that I check my bank accounts every morning – including credit cards. This recently enabled me to contact my bank early in the day after 3 items had been charged to my card overnight. The bank responded quickly and cancelled the violated card and within a few days had investigated and deleted the incorrect charges. Speed is important as my understanding is that while a charge may go onto your account immediately the transfer of money to the “business” requesting the money does not happen for about 3 days which gives some leeway for the bank to stop the transaction going further.



One final inducement – if you purchase from unfamiliar companies or overseas companies use a debit or credit card that has a limit. It is really worth having that additional safety blanket – could save you a lot of trouble and anxiety.

Lois Kay



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SENIORNET NORTH SHORE FOR YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2022



Membership:

As in recent years the nature of our membership has remained a double act – a mix of very long term and loyal members and a refreshing number of new members, some who stay on to become part of the furniture and some who learn and leave but they all enrich our club in various ways. Our membership numbers are not as large as in previous years but needs change and we find we have a steady roll of around 160 current members.

Committee:

This is the chance to thank our Committee for the 2021/2022 year – without them we would not be able to function – they are a committed and concerned group who give freely and generously with their time to enable us to operate as smoothly and organised as possible. Thanks go to Norma Olliver our Treasurer since 2016 who has worked diligently to transfer her duties over to June McCullough and Patricia Lough our Membership Secretary who has the system down to a fine art and has been doing so since 2015. Also thanks to Campbell Stanford on Special Projects – sort of whatever we throw his way, Ian Handricks Webmaster and co Editor, always full of ideas and innovations and Rex Oddy, only on the committee for 12 months but already has the cleaning rosters working well plus again those extra tasks that crop up and is always willing to help.



Sadly we lost the help of Sue Fowler during the year due to poor health. Fortunately for us a new member Ruth Healy agreed to step in as Secretary and Ruth will bring a wealth of business and practical assistance to the committee.

Finance:

Another tough year trying to keep expenses down as income is limited due to session cancellations – and here we can blame Covid as does everyone. It is impossible to reduce some overheads but we are still financially sound.

Our thanks to our Auditor Bernard Layburn who is a man of detail and so we can be sure that once he signs off the audit that all is in order. Bernard will not continue due to family commitments however I am very pleased to confirm that Glen Plaistowe has agreed to take on the mantle.

Tutors:

We have added to our portfolio of presenters. So in addition to our regular Tutors of Bernice Hyde, Barbara Anderson, Glen Plaistowe, Cherry Parker, Doreen Hall, Bill Howell, Rex Oddy, Ian Handricks and Campbell Stanford we have a new group leadership role. We now have “Hosts” – the role of the Host is to introduce a pre-arranged subject and then simply guide the direction of the discussions with the participants. This gives all members the opportunity to suggest a subject of their choice and the rest of the group a chance to discuss all aspects. Patricia Lough is very successfully “conducting” the Book Ends group and Norma Olliver has started the Scrabble/Rummikub sessions.



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Volunteers:

Without our behind the scenes workers the club would not function and I especially mention Jeanne Anne Jacob. There are so many backup jobs that Jeanne Anne does we would be lost without her. She works quietly and unobtrusively without fuss or drama and is so very reliable. Val Sutcliffe is our careful proof reader – we don't always give her a lot of time to do her job but she always comes through.

Once more we thank Jurgen Schubert for organising our Sunday Speakers. Sourcing, contacting, informing and following up requires a good organiser and Jurgen is so very methodical and detailed in his planning. Unfortunately, with Covid his "best" plans can fall apart at the 11th hour with speakers becoming unavailable but he overcomes these difficulties with much patience.

Supporters:

We receive advertising support for our newsletter from Melson Lee of Tekzone, Rowan Cammell and Advanced Computers and we thank them for their continued support. If you need help or new equipment we ask that you support them in turn.

The Future:

Undeniably there is a major shift in the emphasis of our Club. When we started out 26 odd years ago the focus was on email, Internet searching, Word and various Microsoft functions like Excel. Information on these subjects is still sought but new members already have a lot of skill in these areas and so we have expanded out into peripheral aspects such as Making Your Own Website and also developed the sociable side.

We do thank you for your Membership and involvement – we are all the richer for that association. I note that at the end of our report last year we said – and don't worry about Windows 11 – well we endorse that – don't worry about Windows 11 it is still under improvement. Actually Melson tells us that Windows 12 is under development. Well well, windows 11 was supposed to be the last version. No surprises there! Something new to learn!

On behalf of your Committee: Lois Kay

TREASURER'S REPORT TO AGM 2022 OF SENIORNET NORTH SHORE

I present the Financial Statement for the period 1st July 2021 to 30 June 2022 to the Annual General Meeting of the Club. These accounts are a true representation of the Clubs financial position and have been confirmed by an Audit by Bernard Layburn.

The overall Excess of Expenditure over income trend that has been experienced over the last few years has continued into 21/22 year. Our club has been fortunate in receiving a bequest from a former member a few years ago which has relieved the necessity of major fund raising, increasing subscriptions or increasing Tutorial fees. Your Committee is pleased to confirm that subscriptions will remain the same for the next financial year. It has been predicted that this bequest will keep the club financial for at least 8 to 10 years. The committee will look at ways to make our club cost-neutral in order to keep our club financially stable therefore remaining affordable to all members.

I would like to personally thank Norma Olliver for her help in easing my way into the Treasury role, Lois for her input and a special thanks to Peter Patten for his end of year help. Your input has been appreciated.

June McCullough, Treasurer



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SENIORNET (NORTH SHORE) INC

MINUTES OF THE 27TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Held at the St John Centre, 2 Shea Terrace, Takapuna
Sunday 14 August 2022 at 10 am.

NOTICE OF MEETING: Published in the SeniorNet (North Shore) Inc. Newsletter for August 2022 sent to all Members in July.
PRESENT: Members present 32 - list attached to official record.
APOLOGIES: David & Elizabeth Thomson, Shirley Hansen, Carol Wainhouse, Jurgen Schubert, Dorothy and Trevor Waddel, Christine Lovett, Bill Howell, Ian Robinson, Karene Gore, Don Peters, Chris Nutley, Christine Nesbit

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES of AGM for year ended 30 June 2021

The minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting dated 8 August 2021 were taken as read and confirmed: (Copy sent to all Members in September 2021 Newsletter).

Moved : Peter Patten Seconded : Patricia Lough - Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT: (see page 4)

The Chairperson, Lois Kay, read the Executive Committee's report on the year's events.

Moved : Peter Patten Seconded: June McCullough - Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT:

On behalf of the Treasurer, June McCullough the Annual Accounts for the 12 months ending 30 June 2022 were presented, copies were available at the meeting and displayed on the screen. Accounts verified by Auditor, Bernard Layburn who found them to be in order.

Moved: Peter Patten Seconded: Norma Olliver - Carried

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS:

Peter Patten asked for more nominations for President and there were none. Under the rules of the Constitution, of Chairperson for another year needed a 75% approval from members present. Lois Kay advised that she was prepared to continue as Chair for another 12 months. There being no other applicants for the position this was carried unanimously.

The following were nominated for these positions and were accepted by majority vote as follows:

Chairperson: Lois Kay
Secretary: Ruth Healy
Treasurer: June McCullough



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Committee: Campbell Stanford
Ian Handricks
Norma Olliver
Patricia Lough
Rex Oddy

That the Committee as nominated be accepted:

Moved: Lois Kay Seconded: Peter Patten – carried.

The roles of Vice Chair, Membership Secretary, Tutor Liaison, Supervisor and Projects Officer and Technical Officer plus any other will be appointed from the elected committee.

Peter Patten advised that a Special General Meeting would be needed to change the Constitution regarding tenure of Chairperson.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

Glen Plaistowe has confirmed she would accept the role as Auditor for the coming year and was appointed as such.

Moved: Lois Kay Seconded: Norma Olliver - carried.

APPROVAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS RECOMMENDED

The Executive Committee recommended that subscriptions remain the same as previously i.e. \$35 single or \$50 double. New Members joining after 30 December pay \$18.00 single, \$25.00 double.

Moved: Peter Patten Seconded: Norma Olliver - carried by majority vote.

NOTICE OF MOTION RE LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

An amendment to Clause 6.3 of the Constitution. That Life Membership can now be approved by the Executive Committee and does not need to go through a General Meeting of the Club.

Moved: Peter Patten Seconded: Lois Kay - carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

A Presentation was made to Peter Patten for his help with Constitutional aspects and finalising end of year account systems. Life Memberships were presented to Norma Olliver and Bernard Layburn for their services to our Club.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 10.30 a.m.

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MOTION

SENIORNET NORTH SHORE LIFE MEMBERSHIP



From time to time the Committee feels that due to time and expertise provided that they wish to acknowledge a Member's efforts by awarding them a Life Membership. Below is a proposed change of progression with an explanation as to why we feel an amendment is desirable. If you wish to refer to our Constitution you will find it on our website www.seniornetns.com - under About – Join then go down to "Our Constitution"

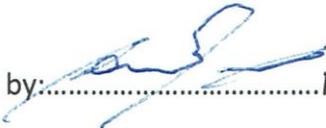
NOTICE OF MOTION

Delete the last sentence of Clause 6.3 and replace it with "When approved, the Executive Committee will announce the award at a general meeting of members."

EXPLANATION

Under the existing wording, it is requisite that the intention to award Life Membership to a named member be announced 14 days prior to any General Meeting at which it is proposed to make this award. Thus it would spoil the element of surprise and perhaps cause some embarrassment. We have worked around this in the past, but now it is time to tidy up.

The result will confer the whole approval process on the Executive Committee, instead of members in General Meeting. The use of the words in the proposed change – "general meeting" - means that it can be announced at any Sunday meeting.

Moved by:  Peter Patten.

Seconded by:  Lois Kay



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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2022

Select a class, discussion group or tutorial that appeals from the tutor notes on pages 6 to 8.

This calendar details date, time and venue for activities, including type, cost and whether it is necessary to book (if booking is required please contact the tutor). Pay at door. All welcome.

Monthly meetings are held in the hall 10am – 12:00 noon on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Come along and listen to some interesting speakers. Gold coin donation appreciated. Everyone welcome. Please wear your name tag to all sessions to put a face with a name. Free refreshments are provided at all Discussion Groups, Tutorials, and Monthly Sunday Meetings.



Member helps spring cleaning at the club rooms



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T = TUTORIALS

D = DISCUSSION GROUPS

TIMES AM = 10.00 to 12.00

PM = 1.00 to 3.00

Schedule - Sep 2022								
Day	Date	Time	Session	Tutor	Phone	Email	D/T	Cost
Thu	1	am						
Thu	1	pm	Scrabble/Rummikub (12:45)	Norma Olliver	443-6233	norma.olliver@outlook.com	D	\$3
Fri	2	am	First Friday Genealogy	Barbara Anderson	479-6242	b.c.anderson@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Fri	2	pm						
Sat	3	am	Tips & Tricks	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com	D	\$3
Sat	3	pm						
Sun	4	am						
Sun	4	pm						
Mon	5	am						
Mon	5	pm						
Tue	6	am	Advanced Windows	Bill Howell	478-5530	howell.trust@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Tue	6	pm						
Wed	7	am						
Wed	7	pm						
Thu	8	am						
Thu	8	pm	Card Playing Group (12:45)	Campbell Stanford	600-1569	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3
Fri	9	am						
Fri	9	pm						
Sat	10	am						
Sat	10	pm						
Sun	11	am	Monthly Meeting	10am in hall		All Members Welcome		
Sun	11	pm	Bridge (New Date)	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com	D	\$3
Mon	12	am						
Mon	12	pm						
Tue	13	am	Photography	Rex Oddy	021 758 851	rex.oddy@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Tue	13	pm						
Wed	14	am	Handcrafts	June McCullough	021 885 117	june.apollo@gmail.com	D	\$3
Wed	14	pm						
Thu	15	am						
Thu	15	pm						
Fri	16	am	Genealogy Workshop	Lois Kay	478-3587	lois.kay@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Fri	16	pm						
Sat	17	am	iPhone and iPad	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com	D	\$3
Sat	17	pm						
Sun	18	am						
Sun	18	pm						
Mon	19	am						
Mon	19	pm	Nostalgia	Host varies			D	\$3
Tue	20	am	Advanced Windows	Bill Howell	478-5530	howell.trust@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Tue	20	pm						
Wed	21	am						
Wed	21	pm						
Thu	22	am	Our World	Glen Plaistowe	027 541 2241	glenp19925@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	22	pm	Card Playing Group (12:45)	Campbell Stanford	600-1569	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3
Fri	23	am	Book Ends	Patricia Lough	021 268 8677	loughie@outlook.co.nz	D	\$3
Fri	23	pm						
Sat	24	am						
Sat	24	pm						
Sun	25	am						
Sun	25	pm	Bridge (New Date)	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com	D	\$3
Mon	26	am	Painting Group	Doreen Hall	021 0222 1814	doreenorms69@gmail.com	D	\$3
Mon	26	pm						
Tue	27	am	WIX Your Website	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com	D	\$3
Tue	27	pm	Scrabble/Rummikub (12:45)	Norma Olliver	443-6233	norma.olliver@outlook.com	D	\$3



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TUTOR NOTES 1

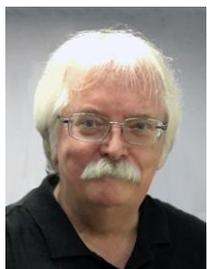
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GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Tutor: Lois Kay

There is a continual stream of Genealogy websites – some helpful some obscure but we endeavour to find new and interesting aspects to our research. You may have some stories to share, if so let me know, or you may want some help with your research, again let me know and in advance if possible, so we are prepared. Likewise, if you have any thoughts on the “evolution” of our Workshop sessions I am always pleased to use new ideas.



IPHONE & IPAD

Tutor: Ian Handricks

This forum is for anyone using Apple’s iPad and/or iPhone. Ian will cover everything from first time iPad and iPhone users’ problems, issues and knowledge right through to experienced users. He will talk about exciting developments, new apps, tips and tricks. You will learn how to manage and run your iPad/iPhone and at each session Ian will introduce new information on how the devices can be used effectively.



PHOTOGRAPHY

Tutor: Rex Oddy

Each month photography group members are invited to bring along digital images or videos that are either based on the theme for the month or are of a personal interest. Images are limited to ten per person. We have a theme each month, because having a theme can create a challenge and meeting that challenge helps us to improve our photography. Above all, photography like all hobbies and art forms is a personal activity. We take photos for ourselves, it doesn’t matter if other people don’t quite get the point, it’s whether we like them or not that matters and being part of a group helps us to learn and improve. Photography theme for September is spring



1ST FRIDAY GENEALOGY

Tutor: Barbara Anderson

We will follow our usual programme this month. Bernice has some further items to share from last time and I have the solving of part of a brick wall from my husband’s DNA. Quite an exciting month for both Bernice and I. Please let me know if there is anything you would like to share with the group. We look forward to seeing you all and seeing what else evolves from the session. If you have had an exciting discovery you may want to share it too. Come along with a spring in your step!



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TUTOR NOTES 2

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ADVANCED WINDOWS

Tutor: Bill Howell

This covers WinXP onwards to Win10 on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday mornings each month and features a lively discussion group. You ask the questions and we all participate in trying to solve the problems. We will also cover some aspects of recently released Windows 11.

CARD PLAYING GROUP

Tutor: Campbell Stanford



Great camaraderie in a friendly group that is much more than just card playing. Learning and developing strategies combined with luck and great humour alleviates stress and keeps your mind sharp and active. What a fun time we have in our twice-monthly sessions! For raw beginners and card-sharps alike. Players decide what games we play including 500, Euchre and "Oh Hell" (which has gone down well with all players). Come and try it. 😊



PHOTO BOOKS

Tutor: Bernice Hyde

Due to the sudden change of software by Kroma, my expertise to assist with this program is of no use, so this session will now be cancelled. Apologies for short notice.



OUR WORLD

Tutor: Glen Plaistowe

This is a session where we share our enthusiasm in people, places and events of interest. Recent studies have included Great Barrier Island, Chile, current day Gibraltar which included a documentary on the military role and fortifications of Gibraltar. Come along and find out where we go next.



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TUTOR NOTES 3

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TIPS'N'TRICKS

Tutor: Ian Handricks

A tutorial and discussion forum where you can ask questions and get answers and also learn tips and tricks for a wide range of computer/ipad/iphone/laptop situations. Ian will endeavour to provide solutions for your questions and will introduce you to a bevy of useful tips, shortcuts, hidden features, useful tools, actions and ways to achieve results on your computer and technology devices. Each session, Ian will provide you with a hot list of new ideas, tips and tricks to explore and use.



BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS

Tutor: Patricia Lough

This is not a 'Book Club'. We will discuss all sorts of things to do with books, complete with trips down memory lane with short cuts and detours. Give some thought to books you've read and enjoyed and those which you read and thought "Well that was a waste of time" but couldn't quite stop reading in case it improved. It isn't necessary to book (excuse the pun). Those who know me, will know what to expect and those who don't – well take a chance.



HANDCRAFTS & STITCHING

Host: June McCullough

A fun, hand stitching group with no experience needed. Learn about knitting and crochet or bring along any handcraft that interests you to participate and discuss.



PAINTING GROUP

Tutor: Doreen Hall

Come and join our friendly painting group on the 4th Monday of the month sharing ideas and using medium of your choice

NOSTALGIA

Host: Ian Robinson

September's topic will be "Hobbies, Games and Sports" so, what are your memories? Come along and join the conversation!



"I want a refund. They only shuffle"



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TUTOR NOTES 4

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BRIDGE

Tutor: Ian Handricks

Ian Handricks, will be running a regular session on learning and playing Bridge. No previous experience is required and Ian will show us how to play the game. Bridge is known as the “Brain Game” and is an excellent method of using those hidden-away grey cells! For those who have no idea what the game is – it’s similar to 500 (which is being wonderfully hosted and taught by Campbell Stanford in our Card playing Sessions) and is played with 4 people at a table. Ian will show us the rest!



SCRABBLE & RUMMIKUB

Tutor: Norma Olliver

Scrabble is a board-and-tile game in which two to four players compete in forming words with lettered tiles on a 225-square board; words spelled out by letters on the tiles interlock like words in a crossword puzzle. Rummikub is a tile-based game for 2 to 4 players, combining elements of the card game rummy and mahjong. There are 106 tiles in the game, including 104 numbered tiles (valued 1 to 13 in four different colours, two copies of each) and two jokers. Norma will be hosting and teaching both games in this new session.



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PEN TO PAPER

THE BENEFITS OF WRITING YOUR AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Exercise your right to tell your own story in your own words – write an autobiography! Your life is important. You have taken on challenges and won the day. You moved the human condition forward and bettered the earth. Tell your story. Inspire yourself and others!

Years ago, many made fun of older folks who would ramble through their memories. Not until the 1970's when Robert N. Butler, MD, president of the New York—based International Longevity Centre, pioneered the concept of and coined the term “life review” did scientists and psychologists realize the importance of reviewing your life, integrating your memories and making sense out of what you did and thought and were. Not only is it important, it is also beneficial. Here are some of the benefits of writing your autobiography.



You will leave a legacy – your story.

You may think you have lived an unremarkable life, but succeeding generations will be interested in hearing it. What you consider normal and mundane will be interesting and slightly exotic to them. One man wrote in his autobiography about crossing the nation in a model T car – about following the road by using the white markers previous travellers put up. He lived it, so to him it was normal and mundane, but to his family, it is a tale from history.



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You can speak directly across time to your descendants.

In the book “The Town”, Conrad Richter, describes the thoughts of the youngest son of Saird Luckett at her funeral. Saird was the main character through the Richter trilogy about early American pioneers. She was hard working, street smart and tough as nails. Her youngest intends to have her remembered as mean, overbearing, slow witted and out of date. Write your own story for your descendants so they know the truth of your life.

You will help protect the history of your family.

You may be telling all the stories you can about your life and your take on things, but that won't assure you that it will be remembered the way you are telling it! Have you ever noticed that each of us can see the exact same event and come up with extraordinarily different versions of that event? How many times have you heard someone you told your story to pass it along to anyone else? Some families do this well, but most don't anymore. We rely on written or recorded information much more than verbal histories. Record your story and make sure it is woven into the history of your family.



You may inspire someone else with your story.

Remember those challenges you conquered? What about those problems you solved? Someone else, somewhere on the planet needs to hear how you did those things. They need to understand that it is possible and they need to be inspired by the way you conquered and solved them.

It opens the door to reconcile open issues from your past.

When you review your life from start to present, you will encounter unresolved items. Perhaps you harbour resentment of your mother for making you give your allowance to the church. Maybe your father beat you in front of your friends and embarrassed you. Reviewing your life and accomplishments can cause you to see how you have overcome real and perceived obstacles such as these. Reflection can help you move past the feelings and perhaps provide a path to reconciliation with relatives, friends or business associates.



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It forces you to develop more self-discipline.

Reliving your memories, writing down the facts and dates and events of your life and organizing them into a cohesive story with an interesting theme will require time, effort and persistence. As with any skill, the more you practice self-discipline the better you become at it. Increased self-discipline will help you in practically all areas of your life.

You will get ideas to improve yourself.

Perhaps as you reflect on your past accomplishments and your approach to life, you find that you aren't all that satisfied with what you see. The good news is that there is still time to reinvent yourself. You can use your review to identify and move towards ways to reach that better you.

It strengthens your sense of purpose in your later years.

Through most of our lives, we endure the process of letting go. As we age, we sometimes walk away from jobs that gave meaning to our days. We've had to let go of our children, day by day, until they are grown and gone and don't need us anymore. We have an ever increasing sense of our own mortality, with the final end being giving up of our very lives. All of this may make us lose purpose. We think, 'Why bother?'. As we reflect on our past, however, and find unfinished business or new goals to achieve, we can find renewed purpose for the remainder of our lives.

You will increase self-awareness and understanding of yourself.

Most of us are crazy busy during youth and midlife. We have so much to learn as youngsters and so many responsibilities in midlife that there is little time to reflect. As a consequence, many of us feel that we are like a pinball, being bounced from one thing to another, with no real conception of what is really happening and why or whether it is what we want from life. Life review helps us figure out who we really have been, are and want to be. It helps us understand ourselves.

Your own sense of well-being grows.

As you tell your story, you realize that your life had and has meaning and that at least some parts of it were well lived. As a result, you increase your own self esteem. Your satisfaction with yourself and your life will rise. You should lose those nagging doubts about your own self-worth and accept yourself as a valuable member of the human race.

Our member, Ian Handricks, has prepared a very useful list of prompts to help write your story. These can be found on his website at GENEALOGY/RESOURCES and clicking the button labelled "Biography Notes Complete" or click on this link

https://www.handricks.com/files/ugd/7befd5_ea36b63d32a7416fb128c85b94459461.pdf

He has also recently completed his own Autobiography – you may want to take a look at it to help inspire you to do your own and to provide ideas on how to formulate your story – it can be found on his website on his HOME page and clicking the button labelled "My Autobiography" or click on this link

https://www.handricks.com/files/ugd/7befd5_64a1dc380815487e9f1a1e583ee2a190.pdf

A quote from Legacy Family Tree says: "When an Old Man (person) dies a library burns".



Ian Handricks - 60 years ago!

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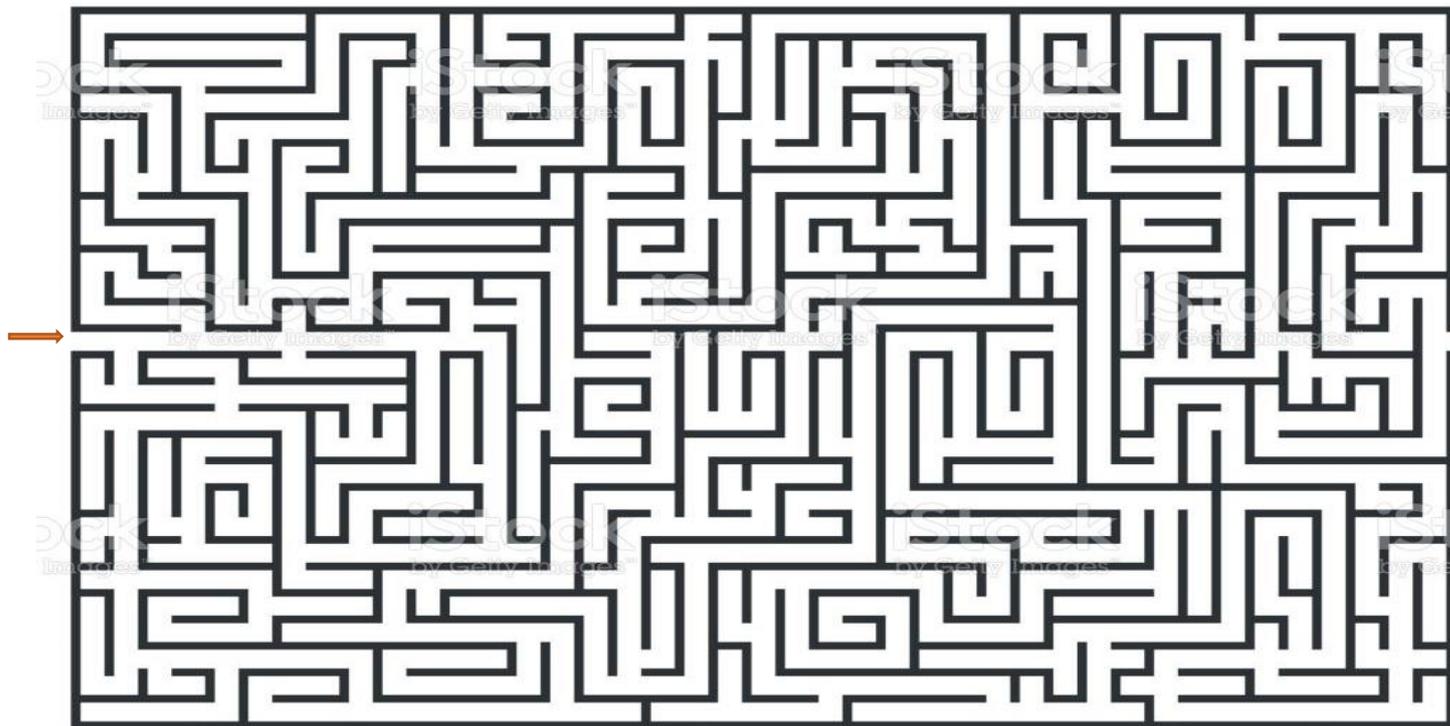


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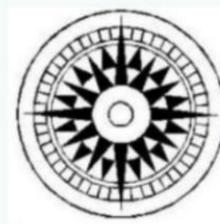
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LAST SUNDAY MEETING AUGUST 2022

TONY NETTLETON

“The Town of Crooked Ways”

Our August Sunday speaker was Tony Nettleton – his story “The Town of Crooked Ways”. A wonderful talk with amazing pen and ink sketches and albums beautifully crafted by Tony and a great delight – particularly to the Genealogists in our club. A story about the history of York and its surrounds.

Tony has written and created albums of his life-story as a record for future generations of his Family. In his own words the location of his early life at Pontefract which is about 28 miles (45 kms) from York has a lively story of its own, so it was a major challenge to strike a balance between telling what he did and where he did it. His aim was to capture the imagination of his descendants with his own story and to enhance it with accurate historical information. His presentation was a by-product of his research into the places he lived, played and worked in “The Town of Crooked Ways”.

Tony’s delight in all things artistic was evident in the various ways he illustrated his story, many of the projected images had been specifically created for the presentation. Tony’s “labours” were created in cycles of time. From birth to age 9 took 3 years. Age 9 to when he arrived in New Zealand on his 33rd birthday took care of a further 2 years but as time went by he saw the need to speed up his efforts.

Pontefract (broken bridge) got its name in 1090, (4 years after the Domesday Book.) They played on lanes that date from the stone-age and on ruins of a Priory built in 1070s and demolished in 1539. The row of terrace houses he lived in were built on top of a Roman road. He walked through history every day of his life. Serious interest in history piqued when he showed his New Zealand-born daughter around the town. Both his grammar school and Church were founded in 1139 and St Giles Church was the centre of life, spiritually and socially. Indeed, he spent a lot of time in the Town Hall, on stage or at functions.

Tony walked us through the era from beginning to end from William the Conqueror in 1066, the pillaging by the Danes, then the Scots then William again - who was vicious in the North. After the Norman invasion and conquest of England in 1066, the Domesday Book was commissioned in December 1085 by order of William the Conqueror who needed to raise taxes to pay for his army and so a survey was set in motion to assess the wealth and assets of his subjects throughout the land. Pontefract was established in 1090 and Tony spent much of his early years hopefully digging for valuable coins around the ruins.



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He had connections to three long-standing industries – sad family connections with coal mining – family and personal connections to glassworks and liquorice factories. His family lived in Knottingly for 3 years on The Holes – an area where bell pits had been dug for extracting lime. The pits were filled in when the lime was exhausted, houses were built above and so it is and the area became known as The Holes.

Tony spoke of Mickelgate (gate being Viking name for street), the Shambles where they slaughtered the animals, Pudding Biddles where they put the offal and so on – all those familiar York street names and areas. We walked the walk with him through aeons of time and it was truly fascinating. Robin Hood's Grave is the name given to a monument in Kirklees Park Estate, West Yorkshire, England, near the now-ruined Kirklees Priory. It is alleged to be the burial place of English folk hero Robin Hood. Kirklees formerly known as Cherchebi but original named Cirice – place by Church.

Tony worked in the glassworks as did his Father – they made hand-made moulds which required accuracy to within 3/16ths of an inch. He came to New Zealand as an Engraver and pursued his skills here. Explains the pen and ink drawings and immaculate albums. An interesting side industry was that from the 12th century they grew liquorice for medical purposes – the soil of Pontefract was ideal. From this came the Pontefract cakes which were hand made up until the 1960's. These days they add sugar but in their young days they would dig up the roots of the plant scrape off the soil and chew the root.



Wonderful memories, kept alive in his pen-and-ink drawings and life-story volumes. He married Avril in 1964 and came to NZ in 1965. They made trips back through time to a fascinating history way beyond our concept of New Zealand history.



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Pontefract Castle



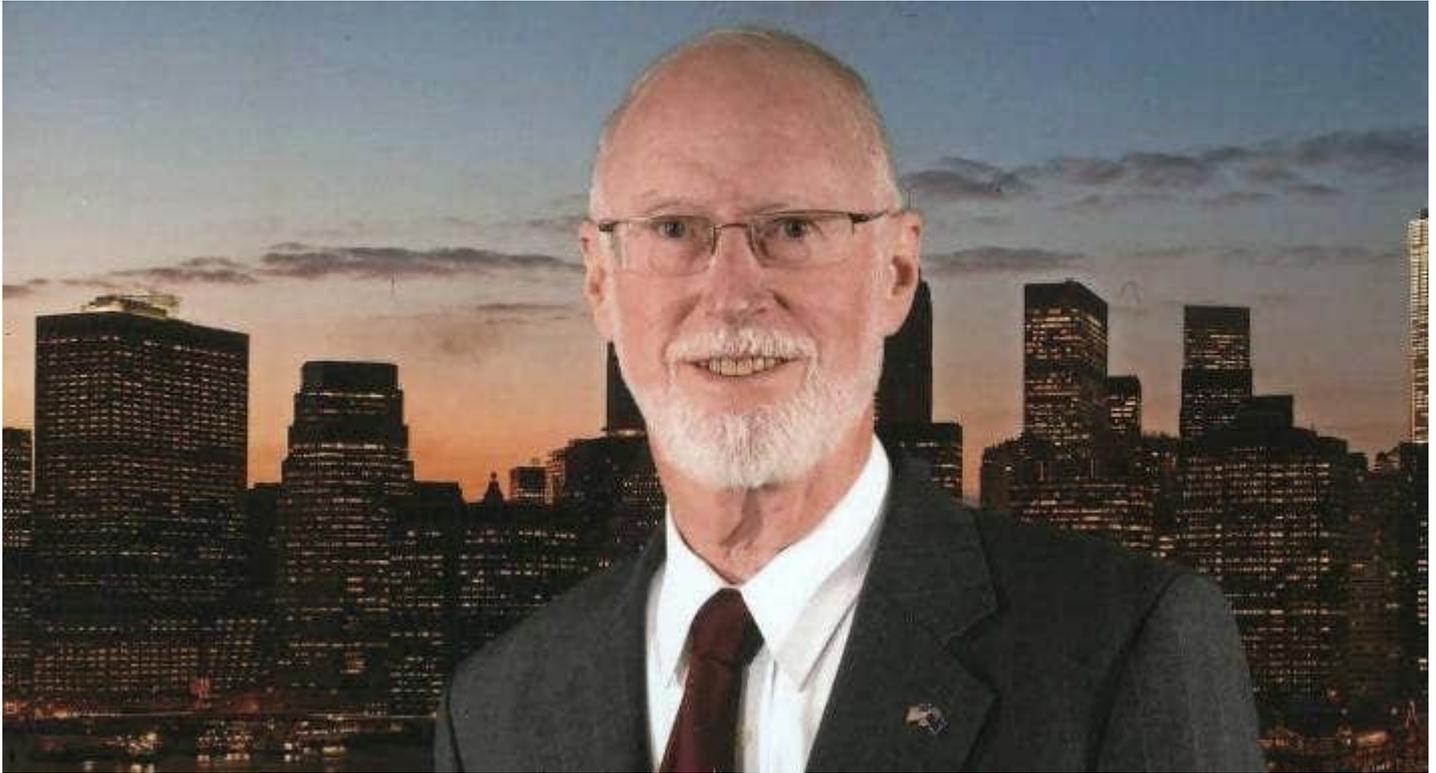
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SUNDAY MEETING

NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2022

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR STEPHEN HOADLEY



Stephen Hoadley is Associate Professor of Politics and International Relations at the University of Auckland's Faculty of Arts. Prof. Hoadley's talk sketches the Russian world view as shaped by their historical experiences. It then explains how obscure KGB operative Lt Col Vladimir Putin became President Putin, and what he accomplished in twenty years of rule. Then it traces the evolution of an independent Ukraine, Putin's invasion, and the Western response.



LIFE IN THE JUNGLE

by Meredith Caisley

Eighteen years ago I took my 6-year-old granddaughter to the zoo – as you do. This was the Zion Wildlife Gardens Kamo, Whangarei, where she spent a day playing with the lions under the supervision of Craig Busch. That visit determined her career path to become a wildlife zoo keeper. And on 14 July she demonstrated her independence by flying off to Santiago, to Lima in Peru, finally arriving in Iquitos, still in Peru where she was picked up and driven for 2 hours to RAREC (Rainforest Awareness Rescue Education Centre). She plans on caring for animals rescued from poachers or abandoned by owners who have tired of their pets or become ill. Her specialty is planning and conducting enrichment programmes for the animals.

Jacqueline has lived her privileged life on the North Shore so is finding life definitely very rugged. The power goes out frequently, there is limited wifi, living conditions are sometimes questionable and cleanliness is not a thing. The 24/7 heat and humidity means that all residents are constantly sweaty and smelly. As in all tropical climates there are 2 seasons, hot and wet. The compound which was opened in 2011 houses the American owner, John, and his wife, a team of vets, a paid biologist/ lecturer, kitchen staff and the ever-changing international volunteers and interns who go there for work experience and conservation enrichment. There are bunk rooms for visitors who enjoy the guided jungle tours and the on-site catering. English is the first language within the compound but of course Spanish is the language outside.



The Centre is split into 2 groups – the clinic and the zoo teams. Jacqueline has been able to work on both the zoo team looking after most of the primates and a Coati (raccoon), and helping in the clinic where there are the vet and 6 vet interns. It offers a happy social setting with plenty of relaxation in the evenings. On the days off the staff can go into the nearby town of Itaya for river cruising and games of volleyball. Night-time entertainment is in the form of night walks to see a variety of tarantulas and star gazing in the clear atmosphere. The grass is alive with the eyes of insects, spiders and glow-worms which cover the grass with (slightly creepy) glitter.

So many tales to tell even within the first fortnight but my favourite so far are:

1. The introduction to Pitch-the-bitch, a pink toed tarantula who is a permanent resident in the compound. Her favourite trick is lurking in the shower and then jumping onto an unsuspecting bather just for larks. She loves the resultant screams.
2. The first time Jacqueline ventured into Iquitos itself, the bus driver suddenly stopped halfway through the 1 ½ hour journey. There was a frantic gathering of the group of drivers, none of whom were licensed. Word had got out that there was a police check up ahead so the drivers diverted off the road and crashed through the Amazon forest to escape capture. The plan proved successful and after a much longer journey, Jacqueline and fellow passengers were delivered unscathed into the exciting city. They found their way to the best pub in town (well, better than the others) and calmed their nerves with any alcohol on offer.

All this serves to warn you that the next time you take your youngsters on a holiday trip, you may just be setting the course for the enthralling life they are destined to lead.



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Jacqueline with a 2 month old otter



Pitch-the-bitch with her pink toenails



Marakee on an enrichment walk



Marakee on an enrichment walk



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ADVANCED COMPUTERS QUOTES ABOUT COMPUTERS

- To err is human, but to really foul things up you need a computer. - Paul R. Ehrlich
- Treat your password like your toothbrush. Don't let anybody else use it, and get a new one every six months. - Clifford Stoll
- The good news about computers is that they do what you tell them to do. The bad news is that they do what you tell them to do - Ted Nelson
- The real danger is not that computers will begin to think like men, but that men will begin to think like computers. - Sydney J. Harris
- People think computers will keep them from making mistakes. They're wrong. With computers you make mistakes faster. - Adam Osborne
- Video games and computers have become babysitters for kids. - Taylor Kitsch
- Just remember, in 1973, we had no digital cameras, no personal computers, no Internet. The thought of putting a billion transistors in a cell phone was ludicrous. - Martin Cooper
- I'm too old-fashioned to use a computer. I'm too old-fashioned to use a quill. - Christopher Plummer
- Because I believe that humans are computers, I conjectured that computers, like people, can have left- and right-handed versions. - Philip Emeagwali
- I do not fear computers. I fear lack of them. — Isaac Asimov
- The computer was born to solve problems that did not exist before. — Bill Gates
- Where is the 'any' key? — Homer Simpson, in response to the message, "Press any key"
- Computers are good at following instructions, but not at reading your mind. - Donald Knuth

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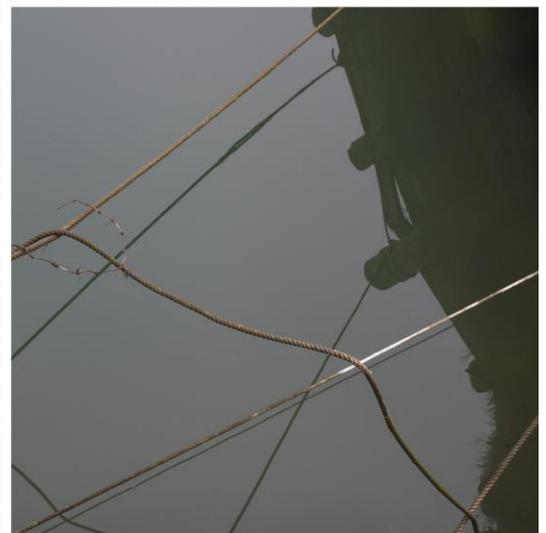
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CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY

MILFORD MARINA

The challenge for the North Shore Senior Net photographers for August was to photograph the Milford Marina. Rex Oddy gets his photographs on a foggy day.



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TEKZONE TIPS

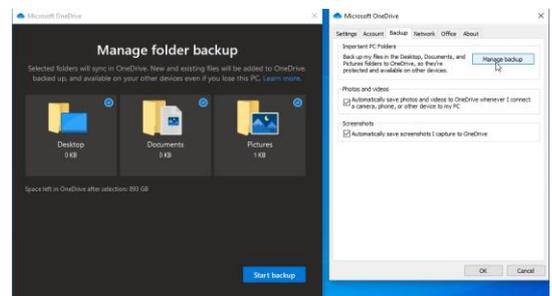
HOW TO USE ONEDRIVE TO BACKUP FILES ON WIN10

OneDrive is a cloud storage service from Microsoft. You store (and protect) files in the cloud so you can share them with others and access them from anywhere. OneDrive allows you to back up your PC folders, including documents, images, music and other important files to a cloud storage. This helps in protecting your data and allows you to easily access it on other devices as well. You can back up a maximum of 5GB of files in OneDrive for free, or up to 1TB with a Microsoft 365 subscription.

OneDrive sync client - When you install the OneDrive sync client, it allows you to work with your OneDrive files in File Explorer. It also allows you to save files to Microsoft OneDrive from the programs you use. Once the OneDrive files and folders are synchronized, you can access your files and folders from anywhere, at any time, and across a spectrum of devices. Any change you make to OneDrive files and folders, either through the OneDrive mobile app or via a web browser, will be automatically made on your PC and vice versa.

How to set up OneDrive sync client - Follow these steps to sync OneDrive to your computer:

- Start OneDrive app
- Sign in to OneDrive with your Microsoft account you want to sync and finish setting up.
- Then select Help & Settings > Settings, then Backup > Manage backup.
- Select the folders that you want to back up.
- Select Start backup.



Benefits

You can access your files even on mobile devices by syncing them between your PC and OneDrive cloud storage. It also allows you to work on your files directly in File Explorer and access them even when you are offline. Any changes made to your files when you are offline will be automatically synced once you are online. You can also share OneDrive files with your friend and family using a shareable link for easy collaboration.

Please note: while OneDrive offers multiple benefits, it also comes with certain limitations. If your file or folder name contains certain characters like “~” # % & * : < > ? / \ { | } ,” it may prevent files and folders from syncing. File or folder names containing “.lock, CON, PRN, AUX, NUL, COM0 – COM9, LPT0 – LPT9, _vti_, desktop.ini,” are not allowed. Also please make sure you check the sync status and address the issue to make sure OneDrive running smoothly.

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