

Tech savvy seniors can now Text from their PC

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ChatBar, the PC to text service partners with SeniorNet

London, Hong Kong, Wellington, NZ: 3 May 2005 SeniorNet, the New Zealand based network for senior citizens has teamed up with ChatBar (www.chatbar.com) to offer its members an inexpensive, real-time, two-way text messaging service which operates from any Internet connected PC to any mobile phone or device, anywhere in the world.

Some Seniors may have missed out on the whole Texting revolution due to not having a mobile phone or not being able to use the mobile keypad as it is too small; or cannot see the screen very well. ChatBar allows them to connect with family and friends wherever they are in the world by sending low cost text messages from their personal computer or Mac to mobile phones and devices. Replies received are delivered back to the PC screen and a full record can be kept. ChatBar conversations often cost less than sending texts from your phone.

Grant Sidaway. SeniorNet NZ "This is an amazing technology, it is so simple and effective. ChatBar can help so many of our members benefit from being online. They can now text to family and friends anywhere in the world without fiddling with the mobile phone keypad. ChatBar is now incorporated in our curriculum. We are very grateful for ChatBar for the service and I am sure it will enjoy success worldwide".

Paul Roberts, Director of ForgetMeNot Software who developed the ChatBar service said:

"ChatBar has obvious appeal as it lets Seniors who can't see or use a mobile phone very easily to get involved in texting. So what started out as being popular for the young is now set to become a favourite with older people. We have had considerable interest from groups representing a variety of senior and disabled groups and see the ChatBar service playing a valuable role. We now have users in over 90 countries worldwide and the service is available in a number of languages, expanding each month."

Registration costs nothing, there are no hidden costs and 50 credits are given absolutely FREE, visit www.chatbar.com

About SeniorNet

SeniorNet gives older adults (over 55) an opportunity to get on the Internet, and learn more about new communication and information technology. SeniorNet has around 30,000 current users in classes and another 200,000 who have been through SeniorNet at some stage. There are now 102 SeniorNet groups - or Learning Centres - throughout New Zealand. Each Learning Centre is established and run by an independent committee, who organise their own premises, classes and funding. www.seniornet.co.nz

About Chatbar

Chatbar is an innovative consumer service from ForgetMeNot Software Limited. Based in Hong Kong, with offices in San Francisco and London, ForgetMeNot has developed a suite of bi-directional SMS messaging tools, appointment management systems, emergency alert, educational, health, financial security and

productivity enhancement services. The messaging tools provide two way SMS messaging as between PC and mobile phone, allowing not only simple and immediate chat-type communications for individuals, but also a new cost effective mechanism for companies to communicate with customers and field staff. The appointment management systems are productivity enhancement tools that allow users (primarily appointment-based businesses) to backup appointments, reduce missed appointments or “no-shows,” enable streamlined confirmation and cancellation, cut time and costs associated with client management and provide “p.c. to anywhere” based text messaging sessions. For more information visit www.chatbar.com or www.fmnssoft.com

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