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Canterbury based champion of digital technology offers free magnifying and screen reading software to Auckland residents affected by COVID lockdown

Pacific Vision International, a leading provider of hardware and software for blind and sight impaired technology users, wants to ensure that disruption to the work and study of Auckland based users is minimised.

Managing Director, Barry Burgess, says that while the company recognises that all Auckland residents are experiencing disruptions to work and study places and routines, not being able to access technology presents an additional challenge for the visually impaired.

"Many workplaces and educational facilities have tailored workstations set up for the visually impaired. These may not be able to transport easily to enable users to access from home," says Burgess.

"To help minimise the impact of the lockdown, we are offering free magnifying and screen reading software to the low vision and blind not able to access their place of work or study. This offer is currently available exclusively to Auckland residents until 11.59pm next Wednesday (26 August).

"We see this as a small way of supporting Aucklanders who have supported us so well over the last decade. If the lockdown period or region is extended, we will look to extend".

Pacific Vision International is offering the following software free of charge:

- ZoomText Magnifier magnifies the computer screen up to 64 times
- ZoomText Magnifier/ Reader enlarges and enhances everything on the computer screen, echoes typing and essential program activity, and automatically reads documents, web pages, email.
- Jaws Software to make computers speak. Enables user to use the computer without a screen. This software reads all of the screen, including menus and websites.
- Fusion Includes features of both ZoomText and Jaws

To access this offer, people should contact Pacific Vision on 03 376 5071 or email office@pvi.co

For more information or an interview please contact Barry Burgess on 021 222 3054

About Pacific Vision International:

Pacific Vision International provides a range of quality and innovative assistive technology for people with low vision and blindness. They are a leading provider of hardware and software for blind and sight impaired technology users.

All of Pacific Vision's products are backed by extensive warranties, with their Freedom Scientific products designed and assembled in the USA, the HIMs range manufactured in South Korea and the Rehan Electronics range of products manufactured in the Republic of Ireland.

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