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MC and keynote confirmed for ACCANect Conference

We're excited to announce that the [ACCANect Conference](#) will be emceed by renowned freelance journalist and facilitator, [Julie McCrossin](#). Julie has had a distinguished career as a broadcaster with ABC Radio National, ABC TV and Network Ten. She is well known for her warmth, intelligence and commitment to social justice issues.

In her role as MC of the ACCANect Conference, Julie will use her interactive style to stimulate audience discussion and drive the conversation around the key topic of how to empower consumers to get and stay connected to the phone and broadband services they need. With Julie on board, ACCANect is sure to be an engaging event.

We can also confirm that the keynote presentation will be delivered by [Consumer NZ](#) CEO, Sue Chetwin. Consumer NZ is an independent, non-profit organisation dedicated to getting New Zealanders a fairer deal. Sue has been with the organisation for nine years and represents consumers on a number of industry and government organisations in New Zealand. Prior to joining Consumer NZ she worked as a journalist for 25 years and has edited each of New Zealand's three Sunday newspapers.

Sue's presentation will focus on the consumer experience across the Tasman and initiatives that are being used to equip consumers with the tools they need to get and stay connected to communications services in New Zealand. We're looking forward to hearing Sue's insights on these important consumer issues.

We hope that you can join us at the Conference on 14-15 September for a range of interesting sessions and presentations, including Sue's keynote.

[Registrations are now open](#) for the Conference. Register before 12 August to take advantage of early bird prices.

The [draft program](#) is available on the website. Stay tuned for updates as we lock in speakers and panellists for the event.

You can also get the latest information on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages. Join in the conversation using the #ACCANect hashtag.