



666 ABC Canberra's Genevieve Jacobs weaves Christmas Magic for Collector Village - a Fairy Godmother for the 2008 Pumpkin Festival

Popular 666 ABC Canberra presenter Genevieve Jacobs has accepted an invitation to become the official Fairy Godmother for the Collector Village Pumpkin Festival in 2008. Collector is a hamlet some half an hour north of Canberra just off the Federal Highway nestling under the Lake George escarpment.

Some 250 people live in Collector but the Festival attracts around 5000 visitors who come from Canberra, Goulburn, Bungendore and surrounding regional towns and settlements to enjoy the Ball and the Festival day with its focus on old fashioned family fun and home made and grown produce.

Ms Jacobs, known to ABC listeners for her encyclopaedic horticultural knowledge, will weave her particular magic for this significant regional event. 'We are very honoured that Genevieve has become our Fairy Godmother,' said Robert Doon, Festival President. 'After all, with pumpkins as our central theme, we couldn't resist the Cinderella connection.'

Ms Jacobs brings not only her well known grace, charm and humour to the role of Fairy Godmother, but also a myriad of as yet largely unpublicised talents. The Pumpkin Festival marketing machine has heard, for instance, that not only was Ms Jacobs a high school debating champion – and hence able to convince pumpkins to grow in all weathers - but is also able to change these very pumpkins into carriages, common mice into horses, troublesome rats into coachmen and local lizards into footmen. We can hardly wait.

Information about the Pumpkin Festival can be found on www.pumpkinfestival.com.au

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