



**THE SHOE FITS:** Collector Village Pumpkin Festival fairy godmother Genevieve Jacobs is helping to conjure up publicity.

## Collector's set for a vine time

POPULAR 666 ABC Canberra presenter Genevieve Jacobs has accepted an invitation to become the official Fairy Godmother for the Collector Village Pumpkin Festival next year.

The festival is returning after being forced to take a break this year when earlier drought conditions played havoc with the pumpkin growing. The big festival day will be held on Sunday, May 4, with a festival ball held on Friday, May 2. About 250 people live in Collector, north of Canberra, but the festival attracts up to 5000 visitors.

Festival president Robert Doon was very happy to secure the services of Jacobs, known for her encyclopaedic horticultural knowledge as a presenter on 666 ABC Canberra's gardening show on Saturday mornings.

"We are very honoured that Genevieve has become our Fairy Godmother," he said. "After all, with pumpkins as our central theme, we couldn't resist the Cinderella connection."

As well as her many other talents, Jacobs was apparently also a high school debating champion "and hence able to convince pumpkins to grow in all weathers", according to festival organisers.

More details about the Pumpkin Festival at [www.pumpkinfestival.com.au](http://www.pumpkinfestival.com.au)