

Welcome!

Welcome to the very first NZ Mega 2020 newsletter. We hope to bring you updates and news every month or so in the lead up to the big event, to let you know about what the NZ Mega Team is up to, and to keep you informed of any new and interesting developments.

In this first instalment, we'll give you a quick introduction to the core NZ Mega Team themselves, and let you in on some of the work we've already been doing to bring to you this awesome event next year!

With a Little Help From Our Best Friends...

A large event like NZ Mega 2020 just can't happen without the generosity of our partners, so we'd like to thank **geocoins.nz** for coming on board from the outset and making a massive contribution and commitment to assist with the costs and administration of the event.

All NZ Mega 2020 merchandise will also be available through the **geocoins.nz** online store, saving the NZ Mega Team from the significant costs associated with managing a store and operating online payment gateways.

Be sure to check out the **geocoins.nz** online store at www.geocoins.nz where you will find NZ Mega 2020 merchandise (all proceeds going to the event) along with many other great products from NZ themed geocoins and pathtags to cache containers and other accessories.

NZ Mega 2020 is...

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Back in June we were very pleased, after much discussion with our good friends at Geocaching HQ, that NZ Mega 2020 was officially awarded Mega Event status. This means that when the event page is published it will automatically be a Mega Event.

This comes as a result of the hard work put in by all of the previous Mega Event organisers in New Zealand, building a reputation that New Zealand can sustain ongoing events of this magnitude.

It means that the NZ Mega Team can focus all their energy into putting on a big event for the geocaching community, without needing to waste energy on simply trying to achieve mega status.

It also means that attendees can plan their geocaching adventures for 2020 a year or more out from the event, and in particular those coming from overseas have plenty of warning that there is a great event coming up that they won't want to miss!

Pathtags Are Here!

While we still have some of the **NZ 2018 geocoins** available for sale, with all proceeds still going to the NZ Mega 2020 event, the big news is that our shipment of NZ Mega 2020 fundraising pathtags has arrived!

These pathtags feature the NZ Mega 2020 logo with a glow-in-the-dark 20 on the front. The tags are available right now from the **store** in a **3 pack** or a **5 pack** of tags. So don't delay, show your support for the NZ Mega 2020 event now and order your pathtag packs today!



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The NZ Mega 2020 event cache page will be published on geocaching.com shortly after midnight on the **24th of October 2019**. The GC code is **GC87777** and once published you'll be able to visit the page at coord.info/GC87777. To celebrate we are inviting you all to an informal event at The Hangar Bar in West Auckland on the evening 24th of October – see **GC87770** for further details. See you there!!!

So what's with this whole 2020 thing anyway?

Well, the first answer is obvious – it's the year 2020. But as with most things, there's more to it than that. It's all about the 20's - 2020 is made up of two of them, and they stand for:

20 years of geocaching worldwide,
the first geocache hidden near
Portland, Oregon USA on May 3rd 2000

20 years since the first geocache
hidden outside of the US, near Rotorua,
New Zealand, on May 12th 2000

And we think all of that is worth having a pretty big celebration! So talk to your geo-friends and make your plans to be at NZ Mega 2020 as this is not going to be an event to miss!!!

Where and When?

The NZ Mega 2020 event will be held between 23rd and 26th of October, 2020, based mostly at the Pulman Park function centre located in the South Auckland suburb of Takanini. This chosen weekend is a 3 day weekend in New Zealand with a public holiday on the Monday.

There will be additional activities organised for the week before and after the mega weekend and these will be announced over the next 12 months, but the core mega event activities will take place over the weekend.

Pulman Park was chosen for a number of reasons including having a great internal space for the event, along with a number of break out rooms that will be utilised for workshops and seminars, it is surrounded by 64 hectares of park land, and there is ample convenient car parking located within the park.

Connect With Us!

Keep up to date with all things NZ Mega 2020 by signing up to our newsletter (that's this!) or by connecting with us on the following social media:



**NZ Mega 2020
Facebook group**
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/730614494036697/>



NZ Mega Twitter
https://twitter.com/nz_mega

Want to Meet the Team?

The core NZ Mega Team is made up of 3 dedicated and passionate geocachers from the Auckland region. Here they are in a snapshot – you can find more details on the NZ Mega 2020 website – www.nzmega.com.

Geocaching ID: Agazo
Real name: Ron
Caching since: 2005
Number of finds: 10,848
Number of hides: 132
Highlights: Only geocacher to have completed both the Cache Across America and Cache Across New Zealand series of geocaches. Loves perplexing puzzles and meeting geocachers from far and wide



Geocaching ID: HariSree
Real name: Harsha
Caching since: 2015
Number of finds: 3,080+
Number of hides: 14
Highlights: Travelling to extreme and spectacular geocaching locations and meeting other wonderful friends along the way! Never seems to be able to catch up on all the geocache logging! :)

Geocaching ID: funkymonkeyzone
Real name: Chris
Caching since: 2006
Number of finds: 12,567
Number of hides: 579
Highlights: Loves geocaching around the world, often with friends, discovering amazing new places along the way. 83 countries so far. Completed triple jasper in 2019. Enjoys the occasional FTF :)



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