

NZ Mega Team Update

from our bubbles to yours!

Things are humming along here at NZ Mega HQ with lots of organisation activities happening in the background. Obviously the worldwide COVID-19 situation has overshadowed everything that, well, all of us are dealing with, and that means huge upheaval in all of our lives during these unprecedented times. What we can confirm is that we are still continuing to organise the [NZ Mega 2020 event](#), which is still planned for Labour Weekend (October 23rd to 26th), that no matter what happens, there will be an event (even if a highly unlikely postponement becomes necessary), and that everyone will receive all merchandise and supporter packs they have purchased.

Some things we have been working on recently include organising guided cache walks around the Auckland region and looking over the event programme and scheduling in times for seminars, activities and additional events such as the quiz and night caching adventures, and many more. We will be getting in touch with potential candidates to run seminars, walks and other activities soon nzp4z7, but if you'd like to get in first and volunteer to help then by all means, [get in touch!](#) We hope to share a first draft of the event programme very soon.

[Registrations](#) are continuing to flow in, thank you everyone, and we would like to stress the need to [register through the website](#) as well as posting a Will Attend log on the [cache page](#). Registering through the [website](#) gives the team a few bits of valuable information needed to understand the capacity requirements for the event and have registration and supporter packs along with individual name-tags ready at the registration desk. Of course you also need to go to the [store](#) and purchase your [Supporter/Registration pack](#) also, and there's a link to these packs at the end of the registration process.

COVID-19 Update

We know that no matter where in the world you are, you will all be getting constantly bombarded with news and information about the worldwide situation with COVID-19, and we don't want to add to that. Suffice it to say that the NZ Mega Team hopes you are all staying safe and healthy in these difficult and stressful times.

Here in New Zealand we are currently under an isolation "lockdown" where only essential travel is allowed, and because we are all in isolation in our home "bubbles" there are no events happening. While we can't predict when that situation will end, we can see that there is light at the end of the tunnel - the current feeling is that the lockdown is expected to be relaxed over the next month or so, maybe sooner.

The NZ Mega 2020 event is still expected to go ahead as planned in October, and the number one priority of the team will be to make sure it takes place in a safe and responsible manner, and within guidelines in place at the time for such events. In the current climate, that may mean the event format is modified to suit. All merchandise and supporter packs paid for will be provided, including all bags, t-shirts, geocoins, etc.

NZ Mega 2020 Event Geocoins

We know that there are more than a few very keen geocoin collectors out there who are chomping at the bit for information about the [NZ Mega 2020 event geocoin](#) and what it will look like. We are very excited about the coin, but obviously it needs to remain a secret so that it will be an awesome surprise for event attendees when they arrive at the event!

We can't reveal the design of the event geocoin just yet - this will be revealed as attendees receive their supporter packs during event registration - but we know that it's an impressive geocoin and that it will surely be the shining star of any geocoin collection. We are certain you'll love it!

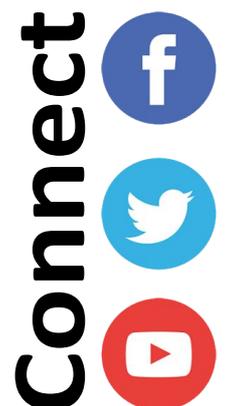
There will be 4 limited edition versions of the NZ Mega 2020 event geocoin minted as follows:

Gold edition - these will only be available to purchasers of the Gold Supporter pack and there will be no extras of this coin minted

Silver edition - strictly limited to purchasers of the Gold or Silver Supporter packs and there will be no extras of this coin minted

Standard edition - publicly available via [pre-sale now](#) on the [geocoins.nz](#) store. It is expected that very limited numbers of these coins will be available for sale at the event, but to be sure you secure yours, make sure you pre-order

Special edition - extremely limited edition with only 1 or 2 coins available for public sale, details of this edition to be confirmed closer to the time of the event including exact numbers and finish



Supporter Packs and Donations

We probably don't need to tell all of you how important it is to the event that we get the community's support - event's such as this cost a lot of money to run, on top of the huge time commitments required to pull it all together. While we have a very generous principal sponsor - geocoins.nz - who has saved the event a lot of administrative costs, we rely on the community to get behind the event and purchase **supporter packs and merchandise** in order to fund the cost of the venue and the various activities taking place. The event is not at risk financially, but we are short of our fundraising goal at this stage meaning the head organiser has to dip into his pocket - let's not allow that to happen!

We have jam packed the supporter packs with cool swag, in fact in hindsight we probably overdid it, but here's a reminder of what you get in each pack:

Basic Registration Pack

- Re-useable cotton event bag
- Event car flag
- Preform "petling" cache container with waterproof log
- Voting forms
- Game entries
- Pen
- Promotional materials, vouchers, and more

Silver Supporter Pack

Everything from the Basic Registration Pack, PLUS:

- An additional event car flag
- An additional preform "petling" cache
- Event t-shirt (non-trackable)
- Event geocoin - special Silver edition
- All competitions
- Additional pen
- Notebook

Gold Supporter Pack

Everything from the Basic Registration Pack and Silver Supporter Pack (except t-shirt), PLUS:

- Event t-shirt (trackable)
- Event geocoin - special Gold edition
- Sistema cache container with waterproof log

On the topic of supporter packs, if you're keen on the **Gold** pack and all of the amazing goodies in that pack, then you'll need to get in pretty quick as at the time of writing this newsletter there are only about 20 of these packs left. And just remember purchasing the **Gold Supporter Pack** is the only way to get hold of the limited gold edition event geocoin.

Of course, if you'd just like to be a good bugger and make a donation to the mega event efforts, then anything you can spare is welcomed and thoroughly appreciated - just pop over to the store and click [Donate to NZ Mega 2020](#). Thanks!

Volunteers!

Without volunteers, a large event like NZ Mega 2020 is very difficult to run, if not impossible.

Right now we are looking to hear from anyone who is keen to help out during the event, and particularly if you would like to run a talk or seminar on a geocaching-related topic, or if you're willing to help out in any other area of the event.

Please [get in touch](#) with us as soon as you can! :)



It's Easter!

It is quite possibly the strangest Easter weekend we've ever had here in New Zealand, with everyone needing to stay isolated at home, but that doesn't mean no easter egg hunt, no siree!

The NZ Mega Team decided we should have our own easter egg hunt, but with TB codes instead. See how many you can find in this newsletter! Head on over to [facebook](#) and let everyone know how many you found!

Please email nzmega2020@gmail.com to find out how you can support the event and become an NZ Mega 2020 Partner or Friend of NZ Mega.

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