



Auckland Geocaching Mega Event 2013

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When exactly does it become too late to be wishing you a Happy New Year? Well, this is our first newsletter for 2013 so it's our first chance to wish you all an excellent year. May 2013 take you on some amazing adventures outdoors, with GPS in hand!

Speaking of that, we've been working hard to ensure this Mega becomes one of the highlights of your year. We know a lot of attendees will be coming from faraway lands and that is one of the reasons we are thriving to make this an extremely affordable Mega event. We refuse to sacrifice quality though, so we are working on partnerships and other ways we can make this event an unforgettable experience for you, without getting anyone's bank manager angry.

Keep an eye on the Auckland Mega 2013 Event website (www.nzmega.com) for details as we get closer to having the programme finalised! Also... don't forget to 'Like' the NZ Mega 2013 Site on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/NzMega>) and to find us on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/nzmega>).

It's Official!

Just over a week ago, we went past 500 Expressions of Interest and, after verification by Groundspeak, we reached official Mega status. The event was listed on the website last week (<http://coord.info/GC44FC9>). GC44FC9 is a code we won't be forgetting any time soon and we hope you don't either! The cache page will be updated as we get more information about the event.

Do head on over, say hello, and post your "will attend" log but don't forget to submit an Expression of Interest as well. We will have a formal registration process in place very soon and will be asking you to officially RSVP then – for those who have submitted an Expression of Interest, we will have a streamlined process in place to make it super easy!

Submit your expression of interest now!

Proud to Be in Auckland!

Being New Zealand's biggest cities has its disadvantages. Everyone thinks of Auckland as this big crowded and confusing place when it is actually, in fact, one of the most beautiful cities in the world, constantly ranking very highly on all quality of living and tourism surveys worldwide.

We want to show you Auckland's biggest treasures. There are many of them out there and we are putting together an agenda that ensures you get plenty of options of places to explore during the event.

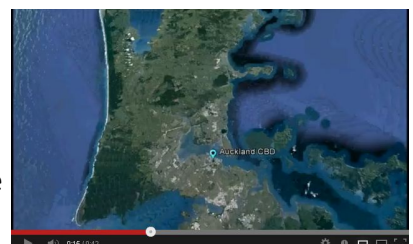
In the mean time, we put together a little video teaser (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iDFWI9CNh9c>).

The Auckland section of the website is being revamped as we speak so expect a lot more new content in the coming days, to entice your appetite about the Big Little City!

Meet the Mascot!

The Auckland 2013 Mega Event now has a mascot. After a careful selection process, the mega team chose the iconic pukeko as the symbol of the Auckland event.

To find out more about the pukeko, and read about how you could win your very own original painting on canvas, check out the second page of this newsletter!



Name that Pukeko and WIN!!!

The official mascot of the NZ Mega 2013 is born! Welcome to the world... Hmmm, Pukeko of yet undetermined name.

Here's the thing, people. We've got this friendly Pukeko as our mascot... But we have no idea what to name him/her yet. It's getting awkward. The mega team don't even know if it's a boy pukeko or a girl pukeko - we're a little too embarrassed to ask.

Anyway, we're hoping you can all help tell us what our fine feathered friend should be called. We want you to email us your naming suggestions. We will select the best 5 or so names from all of those submitted and then we will put them up for a public vote to choose the winning name.

It gets even better: The person who submitted the winning name will win for themselves their **very own original portrait of the mascot painted on canvas and signed by the artist!** We're all very jealous!



To find out more, and how to submit your name suggestions, check out our Competitions page (<http://www.nzmega.com/index.php?c=12>).

Auckland's First Geocoin

The Auckland 2013 Mega Team have designed Auckland's first ever geocoin and will soon be launching this coin as a means of fundraising for the event – every cent of revenue from the sale of these coins will go into making the mega event bigger and better for all attendees!

We are biased, yes, but it is a stunning design showcasing some of the beauty Auckland has to offer. We hope you consider adding this coin to your collection. It will also be the perfect gift for the geocacher in your life – perhaps a belated Valentine's gift for the special someone-with-GPS. This coin will be a limited edition and we expect it to be highly sought after so when it becomes available, get in quick.

This coin will be available from our store and we will announce its availability through the usual channels (Facebook, Twitter, newsletter and on the cache page) to make sure you don't miss out.

What Are You Doing in June?

You'll be in Auckland in October for sure – that's settled, obviously. But, what are you doing in June? Well, we have a suggestion for you that might just turn out to be another unforgettable experience for you this year! Our Gold sponsor, **Tours Direct**, has designed a "GeoTour" to Singapore and Cambodia from the 20th to the 29th of July this year.

Can you imagine geocaching from the pristine green streets of Singapore to adventurous cache finds amongst ruined temples and encroaching jungle in Cambodia? Adventure, amazing food and incredible sights await you on this trip.

Check out the Tours Direct website for more details! (<http://www.toursdirect.co.nz/tours/geo13.shtml>)



Thanks,
Auckland 2013 Mega Team