



Auckland Geocaching Mega Event 2013

Labour Weekend, 26-28 October 2013

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Kia Ora! It has been more than a few weeks since our last newsletter in May and that makes it high time for another update. Quite a lot has been happening...

And the Winner is...

Since the last newsletter, we saw the end of the early bird registration period and the closing of some of our early bird competitions. While we're cooking up some new [competitions](#) and rewards (and we're always open to suggestions), without further ado, here are our competition winners so far.

The winners of our early bird competitions were drawn at [An Event for a Particularly Short Reason](#), an event held by the NZ Mega Team in Auckland on the 21st of June under the scrutiny of the event attendees.



Winner of the Magellan eXplorist 310: Lycurgon!

Winners of Tours Direct \$200 vouchers: Moneydork, CaligulaNZ, and evilno9!

The Pukeko naming competition was won by **Castlewood_Crew** who suggested the name "Pokey".

Planning Your Mega Weekend

If you're anything like us, you're probably already putting together a plan of what you want to be doing, and when, over the Mega weekend in October. Here's a list of our top tips for enjoying the mega event:

1. If you can only attend the event for one day during the weekend, pick Sunday. Sunday is the day when it's all happening at the venue – plenty of fun and games, competitions and entertainment, catered meals with fellow geocachers, not to mention the prize giving!
2. Pick and choose. You don't have to be at the event venue for the whole weekend, although you are most welcome to be. We've got [activities planned](#) pretty much the whole time, so come along for what you want to be a part of and go caching the rest of the time. There are a heap of great geocaches within a few kms of the venue, so you can get a whole lot of caching done and still be able to pop back whenever you want.
3. Enjoy a Sunday lunch and dinner with your fellow geocachers by pre-ordering from our excellent range of lunch and dinner options provided by our on-site caterer.
4. Remember that this event is for you – we're not putting it on for ourselves. It's a great opportunity to meet, talk and cache with other geocachers from around the country and around the world, but it's up to you to decide how involved you want to be.
5. Enter as many competitions and take part in as many games as you can so that you have the best chances of taking home some of the great prizes we have on offer. We're hoping to have so many prizes that virtually no one goes home empty handed!

Mega Meals

Don't forget that on Sunday, there are [catered meal options](#) for lunch and dinner at the event venue. These offer a great opportunity to socialise with other geocachers. Lunch options consist of a gourmet sandwich, a piece of fruit and a cake, while dinner options include a delicious and nutritious main meal consisting of beef lasagne, grilled chicken salad, butter chicken or macaroni cheese. [Lunch](#) can be pre-ordered for \$13 and [dinner options](#) from \$15 per person.

Welcome On Board, New Sponsors!

We've been busy finalising arrangements with more [sponsors](#) (with even more waiting in the wings) and we are very pleased to announce the following sponsors joining the mega family this month:



[Magellan](#) has a range of great handheld GPS units for geocachers, hikers, and anyone with a sense of adventure. The company is also a strong supporter of the NZ geocaching community.



Melbourne-based [Geostuff.com.au](#) is an official Groundspeak distributor for Australia & New Zealand, offering a full range of over 800 Geocaching-related products.



[Formula E](#) is not your average go-karting venue. It offers you the only opportunity in Australasia to drive clean, quiet and super fast new generation electric Italian designed indoor race karts.

Mega Pathtags Design Competition

We mentioned the special NZ Mega pathtag back in a previous newsletter but, since then, we decided to make things more interesting. We've decided to have a [pathtag design competition](#), and what's more, we want the mega event attendees to vote on the winner.

All you have to do to enter the competition is design and mint a pathtag for the mega event and use the NZ Mega 2013 back – any design you like. Once you've designed it, email us a .jpeg file of the design and we'll put it up for display and voting at the mega event. Don't worry if you want to keep your design secret until the event – we promise we won't show it to anyone until mega weekend in October!



More Mega Competitions than You Could Shake a Stick At!

Just when you thought you could put your feet up, we've got some more competitions for you to think about – the **Camo Cache Competition** and the **Geo-Photo Exhibition Competition**. Check out the [competitions page](#) on our website for more details on these competitions.

We know the geo-community is made up of an extremely creative bunch of people – we've all seen some of the amazing works of art that geocachers have created, in the form of amazing camouflage or with their cameras while out caching. It's time to showcase all that talent and what better opportunity than a mega?

Camo Cache Competition

Get creative and show off your best handiwork – urban, bush, organic or otherwise. Any type, any size. Bring it to the mega event where we'll put all the entries on display for public vote by other mega event attendees. There will be a number of prizes on offer for distinction in a variety of categories, plus an over-all winner.

Geo-Photo Exhibition Competition

We've all looked through the image gallery on a cache at some point, whether we were checking out the terrain, the views, the adventures of others, or trying to glean a sneaky hint! It's time to show off your geo-photography skills and enter your favourite photos from when you were out caching – scenic, action, fun, adventure!

We will be in touch again soon with more news. Feel free to email us any thoughts, ideas, suggestions, opinions or concerns. We want to make sure this event is an unforgettable one for you!

Thanks,
Auckland 2013 Mega Team