



# Auckland Geocaching Mega Event 2013

Labour Weekend, 26-28 October 2013

## NZ Mega 2013 Newsletter – 13th Apr 2013 – Issue 3

Kia Ora! What an exciting couple of months we've had at the NZ Mega HQ!

It's about time we update you on what's been keeping us out of trouble. Registrations are rolling in from both New Zealand and overseas and we cannot wait to put faces to all the names that are coming into the registration sheet! We are now less than 200 days away from what we hope will be an unforgettable geocaching experience for everyone.

### Registration is Open – The Early Bird Gets The Discount!

In the last few days, we have put up a draft of the [event programme](#) on the website. We expect that draft to be updated and tidied up over the next few months and we will keep you posted on any changes. Over the next few newsletters, we will be going into a bit more detail on some of the activities we are planning so stay tuned.

In the meantime, [registration](#) has also been set up. If you haven't yet, register now on our website. You will then be sent to our shiny [new web store](#), where you can pay for registration, as well as [meals for the event](#) (some pretty tasty options to choose from!) and the awesome merchandise we have on there (I've reserved one of each for myself, but there's enough for everyone!).

Please note that the early bird registration price of \$50 (a discount of \$10 off the standard registration price) will only be valid until the end of May. Click [here](#) to register now!

### Name That Pukeko

Speaking of early birds, in our last newsletter, we asked you all to submit name ideas for our cute little Pukeko mascot. You guys didn't disappoint and came up with some really good names. We created a shortlist of some of those and now comes the next step in our mission to find a suitable name for our mascot. The nominees are (drumroll, please!)...

- Swampy
- Pukewai (Maori for hills and water)
- Pokey
- Marsha (because it's a swamp hen - get it?)
- Pooky

There are three ways to cast your vote: by answering the question on [Facebook](#), tweeting us at @nzmega with your favourite name and #namethatpukeko, or emailing [info@nzmega.com](mailto:info@nzmega.com) with your choice.



### Want \$200?

To encourage early-bird registration, [Tours Direct](#), one of our Gold sponsors, has kindly offered three prizes of \$200 each in the form of discounts on Tours Direct tours taken before the end of 2014. Three lucky winners will be drawn from all early-bird paid registrations!

### International CITO Weekend – April 20, 2013

International CITO Weekend is upon us and this year attending a CITO event will even net you a special CITO weekend souvenir for your profile! The Auckland 2013 Mega Team have organised FOUR CITO events around Auckland on Saturday April 20 covering [North](#), [South](#), [East](#) and [West](#), so if you're in Auckland, no excuses, get along and join the team in helping clean and tidy our beautiful city!



## Official NZ Mega 2013 Trackable Shirts – Have You Ordered Yours?

We are proud to have partnered with iconic Kiwi brand Canterbury of New Zealand to create high quality quick dry official [Auckland NZ Mega 2013 polo shirts](#). These stylish polo shirts come in a range of colours in both [men](#) and [women](#) styles. Not only you can get your name or Geocaching username embroidered but for a mere \$4 extra, you can have your very own trackable shirt, which can be logged on Geocaching.com.



Canterbury of New Zealand is a quintessential New Zealand brand, having been the official sponsors of the All Blacks in the past and still making the uniforms for a vast array of internationally known sports teams worldwide. Needless to say, we are thrilled to have them onboard!

To show off these great shirts, Canterbury has produced samples for the organising team, so if you see them out and about, introduce yourself and discover their shirts!

## New Sponsors – Flying High or a Leap of Faith...

We are thrilled to announce that Fly My Sky has come onboard as a Silver sponsor of the event! Fly My Sky is the airline that flies to stunning Great Barrier Island and back several times a day, seven days a week. Take a well deserved break or seek out the great geocaches on the island - [Fly My Sky](#) will get you there and back.



[AJ Hackett Bungy New Zealand](#) are the bungy originals with over 1 million jumpers to date and a 100% safety (and thrill) record. They pride themselves on being a world leader in challenge and adventure. We know geocachers are an adventurous bunch so perhaps in between cache finds, you might experience an adrenaline rush bigger than getting an FTF!



### Geo-Tours

Just a little reminder to get in quick and book your July Geo-Tour of Singapore and Cambodia with Tours Direct. Tours Direct have also kindly put together geo-trips [North](#) and [South](#) from the Mega in October designed to showcase the upper North Island. Check them out!

### Crossing Paths With Pathtags

We've joined forces with Pathtags (you might have noticed their banner up on the website as a new Gold sponsor – the official announcement will come soon) and one of the results of the partnership is a spectacular [limited edition set of New Zealand-themed pathtags](#) for trading at the event.



These pathtags are available in packs of four, with each pack containing four of the same design – the idea being that you then trade some of your pathtags with other geocachers at the event in order to complete the entire set. Of course, you can also guarantee you get all the designs by buying four sets to begin with (although we still encourage trading tags because that's what pathtags are all about!)

## Auckland 2013 Geocoin Update

The [Auckland 2013 Geocoin](#) is currently in production and we're expecting delivery in May. Check it out on our online store – it's selling fast so [pre-order yours today!](#)



**Thanks,**  
**Auckland 2013 Mega Team**