



# Auckland Geocaching Mega Event 2013

Labour Weekend, 26-28 October 2013

## NZ Mega 2013 Newsletter – 22nd May 2013 – Issue 4

Kia Ora! What a month it's been at the NZ Mega HQ! We've been working hard on some of the details of the event and we will have a lot more news for you soon but, in the meantime, we thought it was about time we gave you another update on all the good stuff that's been happening.

Before we get into the latest news though, did you catch the plug for the NZ Mega on TV? It's okay if you didn't, it's [here](#) for posterity! Needless to say, we were stoked!



### Auckland 2013 Geocoins have landed!

Earlier this week, we picked up a very heavy box from the post office. The awesome Auckland 2013 geocoin has finally arrived and it is ready to be shipped out to those who choose that option.

Now, here's the really special bit: we've now got three separate editions of the geocoin available in the store: The [standard edition](#), in polished gold finish, is on sale for \$18. We also minted 35 [limited edition](#) (LE) geocoins, in polished copper finish, on sale for \$26, and 15 [extremely limited edition](#) (XLE) geocoins, looking stunning in naked antique gold, which you can buy for \$35 (hurry, they are selling fast!)



All the Auckland 2013 coins come with a unique icon on the geocaching.com website and the NZ tracking code prefix to match the NZ Mega 2013 geocoin, so they'll be a nice complement to the event geocoin. These limited editions will be very rare coins, and will never be minted again, so get in and grab yourself a special tribute to our Big Little City. Click [here](#) to buy.

### Meet Pokey!

Everyone, meet Pokey! Pokey, meet everyone! Our official mascot has finally been named! We put the options out there for you all to vote and the majority thought **Pokey** was the best option – it's what we're always doing, poking around in the bushes... The winner of the Mascot Naming competition will be notified by email and his/her one-of-a-kind prize will be awarded at the event!

### Hurry! Final days before Early Bird Pricing ends!

Have you [registered](#) for the Mega yet? Know anyone who hasn't? We're now in the final days of Early Bird pricing and we don't want you to miss out on the discount and prizes on offer! Make sure you [register](#) before the end of May 31 to save \$10 off your registration and be in the draw to win some really cool prizes, like a \$200 off voucher for any international tours with Tours Direct (did someone say "epic caching trip"?) or a shiny brand new Magellan eXplorist 310, valued at \$299!

If you submitted an Expression of Interest, you will have received an email with a personal express registration link designed to make registration quicker and easier for you. Alternatively, click [here](#) to register and then head to our [online store](#) to pay for your registration. All registrations fully paid by May 31 are automatically in the draw to win! Good luck!

### Beat the 2013 Winter Blues with Tours Direct

Our Gold Sponsor Tours Direct has designed tours with geocachers in mind: The first of these epic geotours is through [Singapore and Cambodia in July 2013](#) and they have also partnered with the event and will run [North](#) and [South](#) geotours in the days before and after the NZ Mega 2013. **Book your spot for these now!**

## Are you making pathtags to trade at the NZ Mega 2013?

Our pathtag trading sets are selling really well and the numbers show that there will be lots of people trading these at the event. Don't want to miss out? I didn't think so. Grab your [trading set](#) now!

Have you considered making your own [pathtags](#) to trade with other pathtag fans at the event? We'll admit we're definitely thinking about it – just need to come up with a good design.

If you are planning to make a pathtag to swap with fellow pathtaggers at the NZ Mega 2013 event, or to drop in caches as swag while in Auckland for the event, please consider using the NZ Mega '13 giveback. Your pathtags will get that certain special feel to them, and you'll be showing support for the event – helping out the Mega Team by donating 10c per tag to the running costs of the mega event.



We can't wait to see all the great pathtag designs that pop up at the event, so get designing!



## Welcome MapToaster!

We would like to formally welcome our newest sponsor, [MapToaster](#), to the NZ Mega 2013 family! MapToaster has come on board as a Gold Sponsor of the event and we would like to thank them for their support and tell you a little bit about what they're all about.

MapToaster helps people plan their expeditions and get to the right spot. Their customers range from individuals who use maps for their recreational activities, commercial outdoor activities, to multinational consulting companies, Crown Research Institutes, central, regional and local government, universities, schools and libraries, emergency services such as St Johns, helicopter rescue, and Search and Rescue, NZ Police and many more. Please visit the MapToaster [website](#) to find out more.

## Transport & Accom. Update

We would like to thank Avis branches in Manukau and on the North Shore for supporting the geocachers attending the NZ Mega.

Both these Avis branches are offering event attendees 10% discount off their car rental rates so we suggest you check them out [here](#) and talk to them before booking your rental vehicle for the Mega.

Also, a friendly reminder that, if you're looking for a place to stay in Auckland, on the same page we've got a list of hospitality businesses you should check out. Click [here](#) for details.

## With a little help from our Friends (of Mega)...

The NZ Mega 2013 has been receiving great support from both individuals and small businesses and we want them all to know how much we appreciate it. Thank you to the geocachers and event attendees who have, so far, hit the "[donation](#)" button in our store and gone the extra mile to contribute to the success of our event – your support is very much appreciated in helping us make this the most affordable and best value for money event that we possibly can.

Thank you also to those who have donated prizes for the competitions and activities we will be running at the event. All our Friends of the Mega are listed at the bottom of our [Sponsors](#) page.



We will be in touch again soon with more news and as usual, 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**