

SPECIAL GUEST!



We promised surprises, and it's time for the first one. Next Friday, the 24th January, at 4pm in the afternoon, we will be announcing the first of a number of special guests that will be attending the [NZ Mega 2020 event](#).

But we thought we would do something a bit special, particularly for our first special guest announcement, and make a fun game out of it.

So starting today, you will be able to guess the identity of our first special guest, for a chance to win! To help you out, from Sunday to Thursday, at around lunchtime each day we will post a daily hint about our mystery guest. You can enter once per day up until midday on Friday the 24th.

To enter your guess, head on over to the NZ Mega 2020 [facebook](#) page – this is where you can access the entry form, and also where you'll find the posted daily hints. If you're not on facebook, do not despair – you will also be able to enter from the [Competitions page](#) on the NZ Mega 2020 website.

Because we are about to enter the time of Aquarius, every correct entry received will go into the draw to win a brand new unactivated Aquarius geocoin, valued at \$20! The winner will be announced on Friday, 24th Jan, at 4pm and don't forget you can enter every day up until midday Friday!

Calling for Volunteers

There are a few different things that are needed in order for a mega event to be truly successful, and one of the most important is for the community to come together and help out with the running of the event and the various activities that will be taking place.

So while Kiri is busy with her day job, Signal is on the lookout for willing individuals to help out with various event tasks and activities before, during and after the event.

Some of these tasks will include:

- Preparing registration and supporter packs including pre-ordered items
- Guiding cache walks in a number of great geocaching locations around the Auckland region
- Hosting seminars or workshops on a variety of subjects during the mega event, including puzzle solving, earth-caching, pathtags, etc...
- Assistance with venue set-up and pack down
- Helping to run Adventure Labs during the mega event
- Helping attendees with their registration packs at the registration desk
- Looking after the on-site store and helping event attendees purchase their cool mega merchandise
- Assist with CITO and other side-events

If you would like to assist with any of these, or other tasks, please [email](#) the NZ Mega team, indicating preferred tasks and/or timeframes during the lead-up, the event itself, and post-event, when you would prefer to be available.



Welcome to 2020

It's fair to say there's going to be a lot happening in 2020, so we hope you're ready for it all...

Community Celebration Events are a special type of event held every 10 years – they have a special icon, last for a minimum of 2 hours and are intended for the geocaching community to get together to celebrate another decade of this great sport. Check out the map for a community celebration event near you, such as [GC8HMMW4](#) celebrating the 20th anniversary of the first geocache hidden in NZ.

Locationless caches are back... Well, one of them is, and for a limited time only: One single locationless [cache](#) has been published by Geocaching HQ, to be logged and found primarily during mega events in 2020. This is a great opportunity for those of us who never got the opportunity to log one because they were removed from the game before we started geocaching. You'll be able to log this locationless cache when attending NZ Mega 2020.

It's a **Leap Year**, and if you're going to be anywhere near the Auckland area around the weekend of February 29th and March 1st then look out for the Leap Year Campout 2020 [event](#) at Awhitu Regional Park. Come for the day (29th Feb) or camp for the weekend. Geocaching HQ have something special planned for the weekend but with the event and some great caches nearby you're sure to be covered!

And of course the big events – the **NZ Mega 2020 mega event** in Auckland, which of course cannot be missed, and Geocaching HQ's own [celebration event](#) for 2020, which is being held at the Seattle Center (Seattle, Washington), the **Geocaching 20th Anniversary Celebration**.

Happy New Year, let's go caching!

Coming Soon...

NZ Geocache of the Month!

Keep an eye on the NZ Mega 2020 [facebook](#) page for your chance to nominate your favourite cache for Geocache of the Month.

We want your ideas about what caches should be on every visitors' list for a geocaching vacation in New Zealand.

More details will be coming soon but in the meantime, have a think about what you think makes a geocache truly special: Great location, cool camouflage, tricky puzzle, fun adventure, well-written cache listing, the choice is yours.

Prizes will be available for both the nominator of the cache as well as the winning cache owner - not to mention the kudos of being named as the owner of one of New Zealand's very best geocaches.

Connect With the Team:



NZ Mega 2020 Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/nzmega2020/>



NZ Mega 2020 Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/730614494036697/>



NZ Mega 2020 YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMYoJ-wb9wC3t8X5ZXDIBmw>

Competitions!

Make sure you check out our [Competitions](#) page on the NZ Mega 2020 [website](#) – we already have a couple of competitions listed and there will be more coming soon. See the website for further details and the competition rules!

Pathtag Design Competition

We know you love pathtags and we do too, which is why in partnership with [pathtags.com](#) we are running a pathtag design competition at the NZ Mega 2020 event. All you need to do between now and the event is to design and have minted your own pathtag, using the NZ Mega 2020 "Giveback" as the tag back design. You could be in to win some beautiful pathtags plus \$50 of PathCash (50USD of value) to put towards your next pathtags order!

Geocaching Photo Competition

Whenever we describe Geocaching to anyone who has never heard of it, one of the first advantages we point out is the chance it gives everyone to visit amazing unique places. Galleries on the Geocaching website are filled with amazing photos taken while Geocaching - beautiful scenery, amazing adventures, and just generally a lot of fun being had!

It's time to showcase those beautiful images. Look through your albums and find your favourite photos taken while Geocaching - those special moments and photos you are particularly proud of. Send them into us and we'll put them on display at our very own NZ Mega 2020 Photo Exhibition - and what's more, you might win a prize! How neat is that?

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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