



COMM GAMES: VICTORIA'S HELPING HAND FOR ISLAND'S ONLY SHOOTER

A rifle shooter from the tiny island nation of Tuvalu has Victorian shooters to thank for enabling his mother and brother to watch him compete at tomorrow's men's prone match at Melbourne International Shooting Club.

Bill Paterson from the Combined Firearms Council said Geoffrey Ludbrooke's mother and brother had entered the ticket ballot not realising that this did not secure the tickets they needed for Wednesday's sold out event.

"Instead they planned their trip and accommodation from New Zealand unaware that they would not be able to get to see Geoff compete," he said.

"It would have been a real tragedy because Geoff is the second non Australian or New Zealander in Oceania to have scored a Minimum Qualifying Score which gives him the right to enter a World Cup or Olympics.

"He could therefore win Tuvalu's first ever Commonwealth Games medal"

"Fortunately, his brother contacted us yesterday and we were able to organise tickets for them after speaking with the Bracks Government."

"It's a great outcome. Geoff's mother and brother will now be able to watch him hopefully create history thanks both to organisation and the Victorian State Government," he said.

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