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## Luke Missen named in Australian squad for Para-Badminton World Championships

East Gippsland Water's Luke Missen has been named in the Australian squad to compete in the Para-Badminton World Championships in the UK next week.

Twenty-two year old Luke, a technical officer with the water corporation, lives in Denison near Heyfield. He took up badminton just a year ago and has already competed in the Para-Badminton National Championships.

Now he is making final preparations before departing for the UK with the rest of the six-member Australian squad competing at the Para-Badminton World Championships in Stoke Mandeville, which run from 8 to 13 September.

Said Luke, who will be competing in one of the short stature classes: "This is a dream. Twelve months ago I would never have guessed that I would be flying half way round the world to represent my country in Badminton. I guess the reality will only really sink in when I step onto the court at Stoke Mandeville."



*Luke cannot wait to compete for his country*

East Gippsland Water's Managing Director, Bruce Hammond, said that the corporation's staff are very proud of Luke's achievement: "This is a great success story and we all have our fingers crossed for Luke in the championships."

Luke, who is studying for a Diploma in Engineering at Federation Training, also has his sights set on the possibility of representing Australia at the Paralympic Games in Tokyo in 2020.

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### NOTE TO EDITORS:

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