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Sam Worthington in Australia to promote surfing drama Drift, shot in Western Australia

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Sam Worthington, Myles Pollard and Xavier Samuel in Sydney to promote their new surfing film *Drift*. Pictured at QT hotel in Sydney.

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ARNOLD Schwarzenegger may have declared Sam Worthington "a real go-getter" and worthy action-hero successor, but if the Aussie star thought he'd be treated like a conquering hero when he returned to Perth to shoot the surfing drama *Drift*, he had another thing coming.

In Sydney to promote the movie today, Worthington recalled his welcome to set from his old mate and *Drift* co-star, Myles Pollard.

"My first day, Myles took me out, there I am squeezed into a wet suit looking like a big fat f---in' seal, we're in the middle of the horizon, nowhere, and all I get is this: 'If the wave dumps on you, you know what to do – swim to the bottom, hang on and we'll find you with a jet ski. You'll be right, mate. Welcome to Margaret River, Hollywood'."

"And if you're cold, bad luck, 'cos we can't afford to re-shoot," added Pollard.

"And if you drown, we'll ask Jim Cameron because he's got all the CG f---in' maps of you anyway," Worthington laughed.

Worthington shot the action film *Ten* with Schwarzenegger in Atlanta last year - making headlines when he was arrested after getting into a fight outside a restaurant in the city.

The actor is signed on for two *Avatar* sequels (which James Cameron is in the process of writing) but declined to discuss future roles: "There's some stuff coming up but my deals aren't done so I'm not allowed to talk about them."



Sam Worthington stars in surfing drama *Drift* as JB. Picture: Supplied.

Worthington and former *McLeod's Daughters* star Pollard go back 16 years - meeting when they auditioned for NIDA at the same time. Together, they sound like trouble.

"No, we don't get in trouble. Perfect gentlemen," Worthington insisted.

Pollard, who also produced *Drift*, jokes they couldn't afford stunt doubles on the movie because of Worthington's fee.

"Sam has proved himself enough, he's a very respected artist and friend as well," Pollard said.

"It's nice to be able to just treat him as a human being - on set and in real life. It's very humbling ... for him."

Drift, which also stars Aussie *Twilight* actor Xavier Samuel, opens May 2.