

Home And Away newcomer Lincoln Lewis is among that lucky minority who's equally gifted as a sportsman and a performer. "Growing up I always wanted to either play football or act," says the up-and-coming 19-year-old, and son of Queensland Rugby League legend, Wally Lewis. "I started playing football when I was six years old. I'd

Paul O'Brien, who plays Constable Jack Holden.

"I look up to Paul, he's such a grounded guy who always wants to help you," praises Lewis. "He is motivated and dedicated and is also an amazing actor."

This rising star already has a following on the internet and, while he's thrilled to be making an impact with fans, he's eager to prove his worth.

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probably still be playing now if I wasn't so busy with work."

Lewis, who plays Summer Bay misfit Geoff Campbell, happily declares that acting is now his priority and cites not only Australian Hollywood heavyweights Hugh Jackman and Heath Ledger as sources of inspiration, but also someone closer to home – co-star and fellow Queenslander,

"(I want) to make the people I'm working for happy – I want to show them they chose the right guy for the job," he says determinedly. "I want to do the best job I can, but I do have a goal to win Best New Talent at next year's Logies," the ambitious actor admits with a cheeky smile.

Home And Away is certainly the forum in which to

'I'M OUT TO WIN'

Not only is Lincoln Lewis a talented athlete, he's determined to stamp his mark on the acting industry



'FAMILY' MATTERS
Lewis as Geoff with screen sister Charlotte Best (Annie).

achieve his goal and Lewis is not only grateful for the opportunity, he says it's "A dream come true. Growing up I always wanted a role on an Australian series and now that it's happened I just can't believe it. It's so much fun, it doesn't feel like a job", enthuses Lewis.

While describing his character as being "a really nice guy", even good guys get hurt in this business, but Lewis calmly puts it all down to keeping things real.

Of a screen fight with Lucas (Rhys Wakefield), he recalls, "It was meant to be choreographed, but you can never anticipate what will happen.

"I ended up splitting my finger open on the corner of the locker, had my head smashed into the locker and had an elbow to the mouth – it was crazy," laughs Lewis, loving every minute of it.

Taking up residence in Summer Bay required the Brisbane local and middle child of three to relocate to Sydney. While he misses his family terribly, Lewis says he's excited about what lies ahead.

"Geoff has not been fitting into the Bay, but things are about to get worse. What's happened so far is nothing compared to (what's coming up)!"

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