



Surfing the waves in 3D

New film takes you out on the water with Kelly Slater

Kelly Slater is launching a 3D surfing movie.

HE is impressive enough on TV, but it is not until you have seen nine-time world surfing champion Kelly Slater in the flesh, carving up a wave, that you truly appreciate the man's artistry.

Slater is widely acknowledged as the greatest surfer ever, and few expect his stellar record to be matched.

But not everyone has the privilege of getting up close to see him in action – until now.

Slater will launch his new surf movie *Ultimate Wave Tahiti* in Australia today, but this is a surfing movie with a difference. It has been filmed with new camera equipment in 3D for IMAX theatres with the promise of giving viewers an experience beaten

only by actually surfing the killer waves of Teahupo'o in Tahiti.

Slater said the realism of the new technology used in the movie was astounding.

"Visually it's very different to any other surf film I've ever seen: the people just pop out of the screen," he said.

"One of my friends who saw it the other night had just seen

(blockbuster science-fiction film) *Avatar*, and he said the 3D in our film was just so much better than *Avatar*. He didn't think *Avatar* was even close."

Ultimate Wave Tahiti is showing at IMAX Darling Harbour in Sydney and IMAX Melbourne from Thursday, February 25. – AAP

