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F5480 THE FINISHED PEOPLE (AUSTRALIA, 2003)

Credits: director, Khoa Do ; writers, Khoa Do and the cast.

Cast: Rodney Anderson, Joe Le, Jason McGoldrick.

Summary: Melodrama filmed in Cabramatta with a cast of non-professionals.

Follows the lives of street kids, their troubled pasts, daily struggles and hopes for the future. Focuses on three main characters: Tommy (McGoldrick), a 23 year-old of Polish background who has been fighting a personal war against heroin since he was 13; Van (Le), a 20 year-old from a Vietnamese family who left home because of his abusive father, and sleeps in a carpark in Cabramatta; and Des (Anderson), a 17 year old youth who joins a street-gang to get money to help his sick girl-friend.

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