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This Kiwi gem tackles mental illness and homelessness in a display of cinematic brilliance, making it the best local film since *Boy*. Shot on a shoestring budget, it's been a labour of love for writer Mike Riddell, who adapted his own novel for the big screen and whose wife Rosemary – a district court judge in Hamilton – was thrust into the director's chair after the New Zealand Film Commission pulled its funding. Set on Auckland's Ponsonby Rd, the story is about Arthur (Rawiri Paratene), a Maori psychiatric patient who claims to be the second son of God and tries to stop the closure of a boarding house for men with mental illnesses. The performances are superb, especially from Rawiri and Kiwi acting great Ian Mune, and the sensitive subject matter is portrayed with the right amount of humour. Go see it, because films like this come around once in a blue moon.

