

LITTLE LIES,

Aust, 2004, 90 mins, PG, Comedy/Crime, 16x9

Written, Directed and Produced: Gerald Lawson

Stars: Derek Fisher, Chris Lee, Paul Mailath, Kerry O'Hearn, Dez Robertson, David Yarrow.

Filmed in and around Newcastle, NSW

IMDb score 3.2

FVFS panel voted 3 (out of 5)

Little Lies is a crime-drama-comedy about six disparate characters who unexpectedly, overnight, find themselves in deep financial strife. They devise a foolproof plan to solve their problems one and for all!

The six are from the same local community – a butcher, a piano teacher, a taxi driver, a mortuary attendant and two university researchers.

Through their research work in sociology the researchers devise a plan to relieve the bank of some of its money and everything seems to go to plan. However, it is a small community and jealousies and suspicions (mostly unwarranted) make a clean getaway somewhat difficult.

While it is a clever story and told at a good pace some of the situations seemed rather contrived and the characters' reactions out of character or forced.

Acting was generally fair although somewhat patchy and the production values generally good, except for a small section of shaky hand-held camera-work.

Gerald Lawson's first feature is not bad as a "B grade movie" and worth watching if you are prepared to just sit back and go with the flow.

Certainly worth a look if you liked Lawson's later features Blue Lies and McLean's Money.

