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# Shopping far from wrapped

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Almost two-thirds of Brisvegans have yet to complete their Christmas shopping.

A poll by the Australian National Retailers Association has revealed 62 per cent of Brisbane residents have either not got through their Christmas shopping list or are yet to even start.

ANRA CEO Margy Osmond said many shoppers would be opting for a last-minute buying frenzy in the hope of picking up some pre-Christmas bargains.

"It is easy to see why people are leaving their shopping until the last minute as there is a large amount of pre-Christmas discounting going on," Osmond said.

Of the 38 per cent of Brisbanites who have already fin-

ished their shopping, more than a third of respondents said they were on budget this year, while a quarter admitted to spending less than what they'd planned.

Meanwhile, a survey by collapsible thongs manufacturer Flipsters has found most women are going to be left with a nasty post-Christmas financial hangover, with one in two respondents admitting to paying for their silly season partying with their credit card.

Eight out of 10 women surveyed said they socialised "considerably more" over Christmas, with 50 per cent using their credit card to fund their extra partying.

And almost three-quarters of women admitted they spent more on clothes and shoes over the festive season than at any other time of the year.