

12 December 2011

## Run 2182: The Famous 'Red Dress' Run

Hare: **Radar** (Brisbane Mens and many others) and **Wopa** (Brisbane North)

Venue: Fox Hotel, South Brisbane

From 6pm, there was a buzz of excitement as a crowd started to gather outside the Fox Hotel in South Brisbane. This was not the usual hash pre-run Brisbane Mens group, but a mixed gathering from Bayside, Halfway, Northside, Southside, Harriets, Thirsty Thursdays, Redlands, RE, Breaky Creek and Brisbane Mens, all kitted out in their beautiful red dresses and accessories. This annual event had a charity purpose, to raise money for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. **Chips** looked splendid in a new frock complimented by a new hair style for this evening. **Tinker Bell** was radiant in his revealing 'little red' number with his bright red locks. **Layup**, **Bugs** and **Snappy Tom** were also all frocked up and ready to go.

At around 6.30pm, **Scruffy**, in his first assignment as Brisbane Mens GM, rallied the crowd of about 250-300 hashers for event information and to remind those tight-arse hashers to dig deep for the appeal. Hare **Radar**, gave the usual run instructions and pointed in the direction of West End. The runners headed off down a lane and onto Boundary Road for a run through the main street of West End with **Irish Joke**, in this tu-tu, taking up a rear guard position. The trail headed through a few West End back streets before crossing Musgrave Park for the first regroup. **Grewsome** and **Bugs** headed the pack to the second regroup and drink stop at South Bank. The runners, while having some Christmas cheer, were entertained with Christmas carols by Santa **Sperm Whale**, ably assisted by choir-master **Chips** and the every-glamorous **Tinker Bell**. **Craft** and **Beachball** seized the opportunity to surround themselves with harriets for a photo. The run then continued over the Goodwill Bridge, though the Botanic Gardens for a dash through the city mall for the next the final regroup at the City Hall Christmas tree. The final stage of the run was a direct route over the Victoria Bridge and back to the Fox Hotel.

Bayside hasher Growler, lead the circle, where upon **Verbal Diahrea** and **Tinker Bell** produced the hash down-down plank for a GMs down-down. This was followed by a few other down-downs, **Verbal Diahrea** being one, which escaped the memory of the scribe. The hashers headed to the Fox Hotel for a few more drinks and a meal.



This Red Dress Run was up there with the best as the trail was great, mid-run entertainment excellent and most importantly, and on the night raised in excess of \$2,900 for the Red Shield Appeal. Well done **Radar** and **Wopa** and all the other helpers who also collected \$\$\$ during the run.

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