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## **Donations to help Sydney's homeless now \$6,900**

Customers, employees, contractors and suppliers of Yokogawa Australia have continued to respond to the cause of the homeless by making donations to acknowledge Managing Director John Hewitt's participation in the CEO Sleepout.

Since the Sleepout on the night of June 18, donations of more than \$1,000 have been made, boosting John's sponsorship total to \$6,900. The CEO Sleepout website, at [www.ceosleepout.org.au](http://www.ceosleepout.org.au) will remain 'open' to accept donations until August 31.

"It's wonderful that the initiative has captured so much attention and that people are continuing to donate," John said. "Much of the work in running this event has been undertaken by volunteers at Vinnies, and many of the goods and services required were donated. This means that virtually 100% of the donations made by sponsors will be available to provide practical support to people who really need it."

The CEO Sleepout, now in its fourth year, is a fund raising initiative of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Money raised through sponsorship of participating CEOs is used to provide relief to the homeless through crisis accommodation, domestic violence support, access to budget counselling, legal advice and education.

In total, the event has so far raised more than \$613,000, well in excess of the \$250,000 organisers predicted. The money will go towards 37 homeless shelters, including a new purpose-built shelter for families and women, due to open later this year.

Contributions can be made online at the CEO Sleepout website at [www.ceosleepout.org.au](http://www.ceosleepout.org.au) until August 31. Just type 'Hewitt' in the Search CEOs box.