

CEOs sleep rough to raise \$2 million

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Almost 700 business leaders slept outside in capital cities across the country last night to raise money and awareness for Australia's homeless.

St Vincent de Paul's CEO Sleepout has already raised over \$2 million.

Allens Arthur Robinson lawyers chief executive partner Michael Rose says the sleepout has shifted his perspective on homelessness.

"I think what people probably don't know if they'd never slept outside in these sort of conditions is that it's cold, it started to rain for a little while so it's wet," he said.

"As you're getting ready to go to sleep you gotta think where am I gonna put my shoes and where am I gonna put my clothes and this is in circumstances where we don't have to worry about whether we're in a safe or secure position."

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Hot meal: a CEO collects a cup of warm soup during the St Vincent de Paul CEO Sleepout at Luna Park in north Sydney. (AAP: Sergio Dionisio)