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NURSE LEADER RAISES \$2300 FOR CANBERRA'S HOMELESS

Overnight temperatures may have plummeted to -3 degrees, but it wasn't enough to deter Australian College of Nursing (ACN) boss Kylie Ward from raising funds and awareness for the homeless.

ACN Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN, joined 96 other CEOs and business leaders from around the ACT to sleep rough on Thursday night for The Vinnies CEO Sleepout.

Adjunct Professor Ward raised \$2387 towards the ACT fundraising total of \$421,090, which will assist those without a warm bed this winter.

"The money raised in ACT has meant another van can be purchased to feed the homeless. I look forward to seeing what Sydney achieved and other cities around Australia," Adjunct Professor Ward said.

"Canberra was exceptionally cold last night but I'm grateful that it didn't rain."

ACN staff from the Deakin office got into the spirit in the lead up to the Sleepout by wearing their winter woollies and onesies to work and helped to raise funds.

"We've had a big week and I appreciate such positivity and motivation from the teams. It's this energy and attitude that makes us great," Adjunct Professor Ward said.

The Sleepout in Sydney raised more than \$1.66 million towards the initiative, Melbourne CEOs raised \$736,315 and Perth \$582,865.

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Australian College of Nursing CEO Kylie Ward sleeping it rough last week



ACN staff help CEO Kylie Ward prepare for her Sleepout by wearing onesies and woollies to work

Notes to Editors: The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is the national professional organisation for all nurse leaders and its aim is to ensure that the Australian community receives quality nursing care now and in the future. ACN is a membership organisation with members in all states and territories, health care settings and nursing specialties. ACN is also the Australian member of the International Council of Nurses headquartered in Geneva. An organisation not afraid to challenge industry issues affecting the nursing profession or Australia's health care, ACN is a well-connected and educated national body that drives change with people of influence to enhance the delivery of health services to the Australian community. ACN's membership includes nurses in roles of influence, including senior nurses, organisational leaders, academics and researchers.

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