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MAYOR'S CHILLY WINTER SLEEP OUT A SUCCESS

City of Ryde Mayor Clr Roy Maggio was joined by a committed number of residents who rugged up for the Mayor's Winter Sleepout on Saturday night 19 July to help raise funds for Australia's homeless.

The fundraising event was part of Mission Australia's larger fundraising "Winter Sleepout Appeal". The team raised almost \$3,000 through their efforts, bringing the total raised by Mission Australia to almost \$70,000 to date.

The Mayor was grateful to the members of the community who participated and made donations and said: "For one night we experienced what it is like for more than 100,000 Australians who are homeless.

"Without a roof over your head and a hot meal I can imagine this must be a cold and lonely way to live.

"Your donations will prevent people from spending a cold winter's night sleeping on city streets. It is courage and hope that keep them alive".

The Mayor would like to express his thanks to the Salvation Army, The Epping Eastwood Lions Club, the Gladesville Firies and the Meadowbank Scout group for their support.

You can still make a donation to the Winter Sleepout Appeal until 31 August by visiting www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/wintersleepout