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SUPPORTERS of youth homelessness programs have another \$22,000 to spend thanks to a charity golf day at Wyong's Kooindah Waters.

It was organised and sponsored by Investa, owners of the popular resort, as part of a national hard hat day campaign.

Former Australian Open winner and golf professional Craig Parry was one of more than 100 people, including construction company representatives, who took part.

Brothers Matt and John Whitaker bid a princely sum at auction to be part of the champion's team.

Charities that will benefit from the day include Barnados, Open Family Australia, The Salvation Army and the Tedd Noffs Foundation.

"Youth homelessness is a cause that strikes a chord with everyone," Investa chief executive Lloyd Jenkins said.

`` At Investa we're keen to play our small role in helping those vulnerable young people who are not fortunate enough to have the comfortable home many of us take for granted."

The Australian **Property Industry Foundation**, which also supported the event, said Australia was facing a crisis in youth homelessness with 36,000 young people living on the streets and 743,000 living in poverty.

The foundation raises about \$1.5 million annually, much of it the result of industry events such as the Kooindah Waters charity golf day. to support homelessness programs.