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Beyond International Events

The Cairns Convention Centre is looking forward to hosting several international conventions during the coming months with thousands of delegates descending upon the City.

The Centres international reach however extends beyond conferences. One of the most heartwarming projects undertaken by staff at the Convention Centre is the supply of excess delegate satchels, for use as school bags in orphanages and "child soldier" rehabilitation centres in Uganda and Ghana as well as the MAF Kids Programme in Papua New Guinea and Arnhem Land.

Reverend Kofi Boateng, founder, African Christian Homes and Rehabilitation Centre, who accompanied and distributed the satchels said, "this is the first school bag these children have ever received. They previously carried their few books in a plastic bag. To see the smile on the children's faces is a wonderful reward."

This humanitarian programme is coordinated on behalf of the Centre by Venue Presentation Manager, Denise Jorgensen.

The Cairns Convention Centre's General Manager, Ross Steele, said, "This is one of many social programmes undertaken by the Team at the Centre who care not just for our clients but for the community and our surrounding environment."

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"Children in Ghana with their "school bags" from the Paediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery Congress held in Cairns in 2009"

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