

Your voice

It's a long way...

I work as a library assistant at Nhulunbuy Community Library. It was a wonderful to have the opportunity to participate in ALIA National Advisory Congress (<http://alia.org.au/governance/nac/>) in Canberra in 2005. It's a long way from the top, Top End that is, to Canberra! It was a full day's travel by air from Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory (located in the northeast corner of Arnhem Land) to reach my destination.

The NAC was interesting, well organised, educational and great for networking with other people from larger libraries. To learn, by

meeting other members, about the diversity library career paths, was an important benefit for me, as I have only just started. I'm a library assistant and in the midst of my Library Technician course, so it was good to hear of concerns from other delegates. I was able to voice my own concerns about education for library careers, not just for myself but for other work colleagues.

I organise and run Storytime for Nhulunbuy Community Library, it was great to meet, talk and compare ideas with other people who do likewise. As I live in a remote region, you can understand that this can be

rather challenging. We need good communication and networking.

For me, coming from a remote area and just starting out in my library career, the congress was educational in many ways and an opportunity not to be missed.

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