

# Changing places

Library and Information Week at the Australian Government Analytical Laboratories

**A** GAL (Australian Government Analytical Laboratories) celebrated Library and Information Week a little late this year — but better late than never!

We decided to stick with last year's theme 'Libraries — making the difference'. As part of the promotion, we had a poetry competition and an art competition. The winning entry in the poetry section follows.

## Changing places

By Luke Baker

*from spoken word  
wells of knowledge sprung,  
written word, dusty books  
transcending time.*

*centuries of thought,  
accessible to few,  
unapproachable places  
intimidating, difficult*

*how things have changed...  
information keepers now providers*

*sharers of knowledge  
innovative, inspirational,  
welcoming and helpful*

*the reach of the net  
a click of a mouse  
development and research  
critical to all*

*Libraries have made a difference.*

Part of the theme was also innovate, inform and inspire, and you may notice that Luke has incorporated this into his poem.

AGAL is predominately made up of scientific staff, so it is good to see they are not only analytical but creative too. Along with the poetry competition I also promoted the library's resources and services, and held a morning tea.

**Michele Ritchie, Australian Government Analytical Laboratories**

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