Menzies Building
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Homer Simpson
Carlsaw Room 353
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Dear Homer,

Welcome to the "Communicating with Data via R Markdown" workshop. This workshop is kindly sponsored by COMBINE[1] and organised by Mengbo Li[2].

This workshop teaches you how to use R Markdown but teaches little in communicating effectively. The aim of this workshop is so that you can get used to R Markdown, which integrates code and text together with ease.

> To effectively communicate, we must realize that we are all different in the way we perceive the world and use this understanding as a guide to our communication with others.

For effective communication, seek to know your audience and extract that story that the data are telling.

> The two words 'information' and 'communication' are often used interchangeably, but they signify quite different things. Information is giving out; communication is getting through.

Learning R Markdown is a step towards getting accurate information out but communication requires much more. This is why there is a benefit in coming to a workshop where you can interact with your peers.

> Communication leads to community, that is, to understanding, intimacy and mutual valuing.

I hope you can take this opportunity to get to know each other.

Sincerely,

Emi Tanaka

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cc: Mengbo Li

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[1] https://combine.org.au/

[2] https://twitter.com/_mengbo