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Welcome to the End-August Edition of What's Emerging

Welcome to the end of August edition of the newsletter.

In the next few weeks Paul will be working on two major projects around education and the future of work plus presentations on the future of agriculture and the future of tourism and foresight for councils. Paul will then be travelling to the USA to attend the Business Innovation Factory Conference in Rhode Island.

If any of those approaches interest you then please contact us at info@emergentfutures.com.

We hope that you continue to find the newsletter interesting and useful.

Cheers,


Paul Higgins, Sandy Teagle, Prafulla, Syed Muqthar, and Samantha Kyle-Little

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What are we writing about?

Paul's presentation on the future of Health for the Australian and New Zealand Radiographers Conference in July is now up. You can access it at <http://webcast.gigtv.com.au/Mediasite/Catalog/catalogs/2015-nzimrt-air-scientific-meeting>. You will have to register your name and email for the video to stream. We will have the video on our site soon but there have been some problems with the syncing of video and sound in the non-streaming version. If any of the subjects interest you then please contact us at info@emergentfutures.com.

Business Tips

A couple of larger ones this edition:

20/20 Foresight

Many business leaders need to improve their perceptual acuity. Here's how you can develop the ability to look around corners — and become a catalyst for change. [Read More...](#)

The Open Graph Viz Platform

Gephi is an interactive visualization and exploration [platform](#) for all kinds of networks and complex systems, dynamic and hierarchical graphs. [Read More...](#)

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■ In case you missed it: Most popular links from the Last Edition

[In big move, Accenture will get rid of annual performance reviews and rankings](#)

As of September, one of the largest companies in the world will do all of its employees and managers an enormous favor: It will get rid of the annual performance review.

■ What's Emerging

Blind children can repurpose brain's visual center to process speech – study

Findings that highlight how brain's 'plasticity' allows congenitally blind and sighted children to adapt to sensory experiences could inform future treatments. [Read More...](#)

Coal prices fall to 12-year lows as China, India join demand slowdown

Coal futures have fallen to 12-year lows, hit by soaring production and a slowdown in global buying, including from India and China which until recently have been pillars of strong demand. [Read More...](#)

This Low-Cost 3-D Printer Can Produce Human Organs And Bones

Cheaper biofabrication is helping researchers test drugs and treatments—it's way better than testing on a mouse. [Read More...](#)

California Drought Is Made Worse by Global Warming, Scientists Say

Global warming caused by human emissions has most likely intensified the drought in California by 15 to 20 percent, scientists said on Thursday, warning that future dry spells in the state are almost certain to be worse than this one as the world continues to heat up. [Read More...](#)

This robot is just the cornerstone of future evolutionary bots that can self replicate better versions of itself

Researchers led by the University of Cambridge have built a mother robot that can build its own children, test which one does best, and automatically use the results to inform the design of the next generation — passing down preferential traits automatically. [Read More...](#)

Greece's creditors demand casino rights, archaeological sites, selloff of EUR50B of national assets

Already sold: most of Greece's airports -- for sale: gas transmission, oil refineries, power company, post office, national highways, water company. [Read More...](#)

Gartner's 2015 Hype Cycle for Emerging Technologies Identifies the Computing Innovations That Organizations Should Monitor

2015 Hype Cycle Special Report Illustrates the Market Excitement, Maturity and Benefit of More Than 2,000 Technologies. [Read More...](#)

Why cities are a rare good news story in climate change

The visit this week of 65 mayors to the Vatican to discuss climate change, among other things, reflects the central role of cities in debates that for too long only took place at the global and national level. [Read More...](#)

Technology has created more jobs than it has destroyed, says 140 years of data

Study of census results in England and Wales since 1871 finds rise of machines has been a job creator rather than making working humans obsolete. [Read More...](#)

What banks can learn from media companies that were hit by the digitization tsunami a decade ago

One of my favorite Fintech strategists is Chris Skinner. He usually gets it right and does it in interesting and entertaining ways. [Read More...](#)

IBM's unveils the brain-inspired TrueNorth cognitive computer

Modern computing is built around, at its very core, adding and subtracting numbers. Simple calculations running billions of times per second keep track of all the important values, from what operating system you're running to your stage in Candy Crush. [Read More...](#)

A Brief History of the Corporation: 1600 to 2100

On 8 June, a Scottish banker named Alexander Fordyce shorted the collapsing Company's shares in the London markets. [Read More...](#)

Why and How Banks Should Embrace Blockchain Tech

William Mougayar is a Toronto-based angel investor and four-time entrepreneur who advises startups on strategy and marketing. [Read More...](#)

The Rhetoric and Reality of Food Waste

Much like saying we should reduce emissions, calls to reduce food waste are hard to disagree with. Yet the solutions are hardly simple. [Read More...](#)

Bitcoin's Dark Side Could Get Darker

Investors see riches in a cryptography-enabled technology called smart contracts—but it could also offer much to criminals. [Read More...](#)

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