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### Welcome to the End of April 2017 Edition of What's Emerging

Welcome to our End-April edition of our newsletter.

Paul is busy preparing for a number of keynote presentations in May, including The Future of Technology in Agriculture for the Yolla Cooperative, Bringing the Future into the Advisory practice for the Mindshop Group, and Future Thinking for Practical Strategy for the CEO Institute. As highlighted in the last newsletter we have also started testing the individual client model of our foresight mapping technique with a variety of businesses/organisations. If you are interested in participating in that test process then we have room for 1 more client in the test program. We need to get test clients across a range of industries so please contact us if you are interested and we will talk to you about suitability. It requires an initial 2 hr session and then a follow up review session with some online/phone interaction in between. We get to test a new approach and you get to review your business/organisational strategic approach. The value proposition is : Our Mapping the Future Approach + our Foresight Network helps SME Businesses who want to Make Better Short and Long-Term Decisions by Reducing Uncertainty and Increasing Strategic Awareness unlike Standard Strategic Planning Processes.

If that interests you then please contact us at [info@emergentfutures.com](mailto:info@emergentfutures.com) or call Paul on 0408 557 583.

We hope that you continue to find the newsletter interesting.

Cheers,

Paul Higgins, Sandy Teagle, Ranjitha and Samantha Kyle-Little

### ■ What are we writing about?

Paul has written a post on "The Future Competitiveness of Corporate v Individual Medical and Veterinary Practice Models. Is AI the key?". Go to [www.futuristpual.com](http://www.futuristpual.com) to read it.

### ■ Business Tips

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## How To Get Funded By A Decentralized Autonomous Organization

Paul: This one is a bit out there but this is an interesting way of funding small projects via a network rather than a standard crowdfunding site and if you are interested in what these networks might mean it is worth reading [Read More...](#)

## Remote Design Thinking

A study on how remote teams can apply design thinking effectively [Read More...](#)

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

### [For internet privacy, a VPN won't save you](#)

## ■ What's Emerging

### US General: 'Swarms of autonomous Hunter-Killer drones will lead Marines into battle'

The US Marines, who recently announced they want their own fully autonomous F-35's are getting their "Low Cost Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Swarming Technology" platform, also known as LOCUST, ready for prime time, and they're going to be armed. [Read More...](#)

### After Economic Crisis, Low Birthrates Challenge Southern Europe

ATHENS — As a longtime fertility doctor, Minas Mastrominas has helped couples in Greece give birth to thousands of bouncing babies. But recently, disturbing trends have escalated at his clinic. [Read More...](#)

### DJI's \$449 FPV goggles can control a drone with head movement

DJI has finally dished full details of the FPV goggles that were teased at last year's Mavic Pro event. [Read More...](#)

### Referendum in Turkey

Referendum in Turkey Versus Education and Economy Rates. [Read More...](#)

### Tanzania: 47% of GDP Transferred in Mobile Money Revolution

Dar es Salaam — When Vodacom introduced the mobile money transfer service, M-Pesa, in 2008 financial inclusion in the country was below 16 per cent. [Read More...](#)

### More Permafrost Than Thought May Be Lost as Planet Warms

As global warming thaws the permafrost, the frozen land that covers nearly six million square miles of the earth, a big question for scientists is: How much will be lost? [Read More...](#)

### Solar-powered synthetic skin could return touch to amputees

University of Glasgow researchers have developed a solar-powered synthetic skin using wonder material graphene that could improve robotics and prosthetics. [Read More...](#)

### Virtual Angkor Wat and other time travel trips coming to a VR headset near you soon

In the cool of the morning virtual Angkorians are working hard fishing, fixing boats, tending gardens, carrying their masters and maintaining the walls in the grandest temple of the world's greatest empire. [Read More...](#)

### The Nightmare Scenario for Florida's Coastal Homeowners

Demand and financing could collapse before the sea consumes a single house. [Read More...](#)

### Tiny spectrometer turns smartphone into molecular analyst

The Changhong H2 is a new smartphone that integrates material sensing technology to allow users to analyze the contents of almost any substance with a simple scan. With a HT out to subscriber Scott Williams. [Read More...](#)

### Afghanistan tunnels targeted by US GBU-43 bomb, biggest non-nuclear weapon ever used

The United States has dropped a massive GBU-43 bomb, the biggest non-nuclear bomb it has ever used in combat, in eastern Afghanistan targeting a network of caves and tunnels used by Islamic State militants. [Read More...](#)

### Self-taught artificial intelligence beats doctors at predicting heart attacks

Doctors have lots of tools for predicting a patient's health. But—as even they will tell you—they're no match for the complexity of the human body. [Read More...](#)

### Gifted and talented kids: How do you nurture a curious mind?

Five young minds share their stories of how they've pushed beyond boundaries to excel in science and maths and what support helped them get there. [Read More...](#)

### Credit card with a fingerprint sensor revealed by Mastercard

A payment card featuring a fingerprint sensor has been unveiled by credit card provider Mastercard. [Read More...](#)

### Baidu announces new open platform to help speed up the development of self-driving cars

Chinese tech giant Baidu has announced a new autonomous vehicle platform that could help car manufacturers produce self-driving vehicles faster. [Read More...](#)

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