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Welcome to the end of August 2016 Edition of What's Emerging

In the next few weeks Paul will be finalising his work with the Epworth Private Hospital Group on Research strategies, presenting to a local government conference in Queensland, working with the Australian Veterinary Board Council and the Veterinary Schools on the future of veterinary education and regulation, mentoring a Young Social Pioneer for the Foundation for Young Australians and the Lord Mayors Charitable Fund, and travelling to the USA to attend the [Business Innovation Factory Summit](#) and the [Gigaom Change Conference](#) (AI, Virtual Reality, Robotics, Nanotechnology, Cybersecurity, 3D Printing, Human Machine Interfaces).

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

We hope that you continue to find then newsletter interesting.


Cheers,
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■ What are we writing about?

Paul presented to the CEO Institute on August 17th on Future thinking for Practical Strategy. He also conducted a workshop with the Leadership Victoria: Series III Community Managed Mental Health Leadership Program on Foresight and Strategy and preparing for the NDIS.

You can see both the presentations by going to our [Home Page](#) and Looking under Latest Downloads .

■ Business Tips

Try 'what if' writing to boost your creativity and imagine the future

Here's a "what if" writing exercise based on futurist and game designer Jane McGonigal's "XYZ format" that will help you change the world, or at least your little corner of it. It involves "counterfactual thinking." [Read More...](#)

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Want a Better Pitch? Watch This

Elon Musk Pitching. Musk's delivery isn't stellar. He's self-conscious and fidgety. But at the end, his audience cheers. For a battery.

That's because Musk does five things right that you should emulate in every pitch you ever make to anybody. [Read More...](#)

Windows 10 tip: Shut down OneDrive completely

In Windows 10, OneDrive is built in. The connections are so tight, in fact, that OneDrive has its own node in File Explorer, with no obvious way to remove it. But the options to disconnect OneDrive are there if you know where to look. Here are full instructions. [Read More...](#)

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

[Microsoft launches Researcher and Editor in Word, Zoom in PowerPoint](#)

■ What's Emerging

Vote of a lifetime: Alaskan town decides whether to stay or go in face of climate change

"What's special about Shishmaref is that we're all family," said Esau Sinnok, an 18-year-old climate activist from Shishmaref, a native village in western Alaska that might have to relocate because of climate change. [Read More...](#)

Paraplegics are learning to walk again with virtual reality

The chances of recovery for paraplegic patients were once considered nearly nil. But in 2014, 29-year-old Juliano Pinto, who faced complete paralysis below the chest, literally kicked off the opening match at the FIFA World Cup.

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Reputation systems work because people are mostly good

Economist Tim Harford writes about holidaying in prosperous Bavaria, where hotels let you run up bills of €1000+ without a credit-card and all room-keys are stored in a cupboard where any guest can get at them, and asks how this can all work without being destroyed by dishonesty?

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Airbus wants to make self-flying airborne taxis a real thing

Ford might be looking to put self-driving cars into service for on-demand taxi scenarios by 2021, but that's thinking small by Airbus standards – the aircraft manufacturer wants to make autonomous flying taxis a real thing for dense urban areas where traffic congestion is a real and growing problem. [Read More...](#)

Europe's banks want to store billions in cash to fight back against negative interest

The economic orthodoxy of austerity means that governments facing recession can't just spend their way out of it by creating New Deal-like stimulus that gets the economy moving again: instead, they handed trillions to banks and then watched in dismay as the banks failed to lend any of that out to small businesses and entrepreneurs. [Read More...](#)

Gene editing helps spot evolutionary link between fins and hands

Gene editing technology isn't just useful for curing the world's ills, it seems. University of Chicago scientists have used the CRISPR technique to discover a key evolutionary connection between fins and hands. [Read More...](#)

20 Big Questions about the Future of Humanity

We asked leading scientists to predict the future. Here's what they had to say [Read More...](#)

How your contact lenses could talk to your phone

Your contact lenses or a sensor implanted in your brain could some day send health updates to your smartphone and even your doctor. [Read More...](#)

Small population size? It doesn't have to mean that species can't adapt to environmental change

Worldwide, there are 16,938 endangered species. From the white rhino to the blue whale, numbers are dwindling in the face of poaching, habitat destruction and climate change. Although the situation may seem dire, new research gives us reason to hope.

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Self-driving buses take to roads alongside commuter traffic in Helsinki

Two self-driving buses have rolled out on to the public roads of Helsinki, Finland, alongside traffic and commuters, in one of the first trials of its kind. [Read More...](#)

Breitbart's Stephen Bannon, now Trump's new CEO, reveals his master plan

Stephen Bannon is taking a leave of absence from running Breitbart.com to become chief wrangler of Donald Trump's goat rodeo of a presidential campaign. Bannon is a Harvard MBA who once worked at Goldman Sachs, and got rich off the TV comedy Seinfeld. [Read More...](#)

World's largest vertical farm grows without soil, sunlight or water in Newark

An ambitious, almost fantastical, manifestation of agricultural technology is expected to come to fruition this fall. From the remains of an abandoned steel mill in Newark, New Jersey, the creators of AeroFarms are building what they say will be the largest vertical farm, producing two million pounds of leafy greens a year. [Read More...](#)

Breakthrough in cancer research: Legions of nanorobots target tumours with precision

Researchers from Polytechnique Montréal, Université de Montréal and McGill University have just achieved a spectacular breakthrough in cancer research. [Read More...](#)

The Cashless Bank Autocracy

The shadow economy is not just 'poor' people. It's potentially anybody who hasn't internalised the correct state-corporate narrative of normality, and anyone seeking a lifestyle outside of the mainstream. [Read More...](#)

Audi vehicles to talk to U.S. traffic signals in first for industry

German carmaker Audi is rolling out technology that will allow its vehicles in the United States to communicate with traffic signals, allowing for a more stress-free ride in what it says is the car industry's first commercial use of the nascent technology. [Read More...](#)

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