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Welcome to the End February Edition of What's Emerging

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In the next few weeks Paul will be presenting and facilitating with the ATO on the future of corporate communications, finalising a strategic plan for a not for profit company, Chairing a session on Social Innovation for Leadership Victoria, presenting at the [Leading Change Forum](#) in the Alpine Valley on leading in complex futures, and working with two listed companies on envisioning new business models. If any of these approaches interest you then please contact us at info@emergentfutures.com.

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

Cheers,


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■ What are we writing about?

We have not published any specific articles in the last two weeks. To see Paul's long form blog pieces go to www.futuristpaul.com and for a wider range of future focused material go to our scanning blog go to www.emergentfutures.tumblr.com.

■ Business Tips

7 Steps for Putting Ideas into Action

Here is a seven-step technique for developing ideas you can actually use to solve business problems. [Read More...](#)

Top 5 Storytelling Tools

Some of the new storytelling tools have taken the form of desktop and HTML 5 web-based tools, while others the form of specially-developed applications for iOS and Android devices. Some of them are aimed at casual storytellers, others for those who have devoted their lives to it. One thing most of them have in common, is a thorough embrace of the multimedia or interactive approach. [Read More...](#)

How to use your body's circadian rhythm as a recipe for productivity

You know how you often wake up without an alarm at about the same time every day? That's your circadian rhythm, which works as your body's internal alarm clock. Being aware of your circadian rhythm might just be the key to improving your productivity and even your quality of life. [Read More...](#)

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

[Top 10 WordPress Plugins That You Need To Be Using In 2014](#)

Well, it is now the year 2014, and this top-10 list of the year's best plugins has arrived. If you haven't yet download these plugins, your life is about to get a whole lot easier.

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20 signs that the global economic crisis is starting to catch fire

The number of jobseekers in France has risen for 30 of the last 32 months, and at this point it has climbed to a new all-time record high. [Read More...](#)

World's first wireless smart In ear headphones - Dash

An impressive level of miniaturization, 1000 Songs, performance tracking, body sensors, secure fit. [Read More...](#)

Top 2500 Amazon genre bestsellers by format: mystery/ thriller/ suspense/ science fiction/ fantasy & romance.

Self-published ebooks: the surprising data from Amazon. [Read More...](#)

Living Tissue Emerges From 3-D Printer

Harvard bioengineers say they have taken a big step toward using 3-D printers to make living tissue. [Read More...](#)

Forget dongles and passwords, the future of mobile payments is Biometrics.

With the two largest smartphone makers in the world getting behind the idea of biometric scanning, credit card companies may start to take it seriously as well. [Read More...](#)

Hamburg, Germany hoping to be car free within 20 years

Hamburg City Council has disclosed ambitious plans to divert most cars away from its main thoroughfares in twenty years. [Read More...](#)

UAE tests unmanned drones to deliver government services

A first of its kind in the world plans to use unmanned aerial drones to deliver official documents and packages to its citizens. [Read More...](#)

Samsung is getting smartphones to cure cancer while owners sleep

Power Sleep app harnesses the computational power of the devices to crunch cancer research data at a time when they're otherwise not in use. [Read More...](#)

Ten years after decriminalization, drug abuse down by half in Portugal

Fortunately, we have a real-world example of the actual effects of ending the violent, expensive War on Drugs and replacing it with a system of treatment for problem users and addicts. [Read More...](#)

Volvo wants packages delivered directly to your car

A digital key will give the courier one-time access to your vehicle. [Read More...](#)

Economic reforms that transformed Australia

On the 40th anniversary of his career as one of Australia's most trusted economic commentators, Ross Gittins nominates the 10 reforms that helped transform Australia from closeted financial backwater to one of the most prosperous countries in the world. [Read More...](#)

DARPA wants to fit soldiers with a little black box brain implant

If the soldiers could be fitted with a black box in their brain, then it may be possible to trigger memories surrounding a traumatic event and overcome memory loss quickly and easily. [Read More...](#)

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It is possible to predict which pregnant women may suffer postnatal depression

The risk of a new mother suffering from postnatal depression could be predicted weeks before the birth of her child simply by monitoring her Twitter feed. [Read More...](#)

Jake Kendall and Rodger Voorhies . How cell phones can deliver low-cost banking to the poor - Foreign affairs

The roughly 2.5 billion people in the world who live on less than \$2 a day are not destined to remain in a state of chronic poverty. [Read More...](#)

Methane leaks undercut the climate benefits of natural gas

A new study says methane leaks make natural gas trucks worse than diesel powered ones. [Read More...](#)

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