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### Welcome to the End-July Edition of What's Emerging

Welcome to the end of July 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 (2x) and the future of tourism. Paul will also be appearing at Speakerbook's event planner speaker showcase in August.

If any of those approaches interest you then please contact us at [info@emergentfutures.com](mailto:info@emergentfutures.com).

We hope that you continue to find then 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 presented on the future of health to the NZIMRT- AIR (Australian and New Zealand Radiographers) Conference in Wellington and on how not for profit boards should deal with uncertainty for Leadership Victoria. The presentations are available by going to our [home page](#) and clicking on recent downloads. You can search on Twitter for audience responses from the NZIMRT-AIR conference by looking for the hashtag #thecloud2015 or searching for tweets about @futuristpaul. If any of the subjects interest you then please contact us at [info@emergentfutures.com](mailto:info@emergentfutures.com).

### Business Tips

#### The Smartest Way to Take a Vacation

Scientists study how to get the most benefits in health and well-being from a getaway. [Read More...](#)

#### Escaping a Strategic Cul de Sac: Using Ethnographic Insights to Challenge Organizational Bias

A case study. [Read More...](#)

#### Seeing Data: Visualisation design should consider how we respond to statistics emotionally as well as rationally

Understanding data visualisations is an essential skill in today's data-driven society. But beyond technical considerations like accuracy and consistency, what makes a good visualisation?. [Read More...](#)

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

### [One of the world's top creativity experts explains why schools should be more like farms, not factories](#)

In two years, a one-of-a-kind construction project will commence over a canal in Amsterdam. It won't involve any humans at all, but rather, a six-axis robot that can craft molten metal in mid-air. The problem with schools isn't that they work poorly. It's that they work too well at doing the wrong thing.

## ■ What's Emerging

### The Age of Intelligent Things

Smart, connected devices are the next big thing, part of a wave of innovation first glimpsed by code-breaking computer visionary Alan Turing. [Read More...](#)

### When the End of Human Civilization Is Your Day Job

Among many climate scientists, gloom has set in. Things are worse than we think, but they can't really talk about it. [Read More...](#)

### Nokia Plans to Debut Virtual Reality Product Next Week

Nokia is set to unveil its first major virtual reality project next week at a VIP event in Los Angeles, according to sources familiar with the company's plans. [Read More...](#)

### China exports 1066.66 drones a day

Quite amazing figures recently released by customs in the city of Shenzhen home to most of the drone manufacturing in China. [Read More...](#)

### Juniper Research: Payments via Social Media to Drive Mobile Money Transactions to 13 Billion This Year

Payments via social apps and networks are hugely popular, and a new report from Juniper Research, which provides research and analytical services to the global hi-tech communications sector, indicates that the growth in the mobile payments industry could get even more impressive as the year 2015 continues to play out. [Read More...](#)

### The staggeringly large benefits of conserving nature

This is the latest installment of a weekly column on energy and the environment — "Planetary." This column will draw together major trends in this sphere and provide analysis and perspective that extend beyond our daily reporting. [Read More...](#)

### A Search Engine, but Not on the Internet

An Israeli company wants to build molecular spectroscopy into a smartphone so people can count calories, identify pills, and find out more about objects than can be seen by the human eye. [Read More...](#)

### Business Travel is worth \$300B – And AIRBNB wants its share

Business travelers like Airbnb, and now the company is expanding with a new product suite to serve that lucrative market. [Read More...](#)

### Robo-Investing Craze Now Pitting Vanguard Against Fidelity

The fund giants are picking sides as algorithms duel for investors. [Read More...](#)

### Global Solar Power Capacity About To Hit 200 GW

The global solar industry has been seeing exponential growth in recent years, and that's expected to continue. After hitting about 178 GW of solar PV power capacity by the end of 2014, global solar PV capacity is expected to hit 200 GW shortly. [Read More...](#)

### Anxiety, depression found in quarter of teens with type 1 diabetes, survey says

The first national survey on the psychological wellbeing of young people with type 1 diabetes has found one in four of them reported moderate to severe anxiety or depression. [Read More...](#)

## What's Emerging?

NASA's New Horizons spacecraft makes closest approach to Pluto; new images give colour view of dwarf planet and moon Charon

NASA has confirmed its unmanned New Horizons spacecraft has survived its close fly-by encounter with Pluto after a nine-year journey of more than 5 billion kilometres. [Read More...](#)

Hackers Remotely Kill a Jeep on the Highway—With Me in It

I was driving 70 mph on the edge of downtown St. Louis when the exploit began to take hold. [Read More...](#)

How Bioengineered Bacteria Could Give Robots a Living Brain

Imagine a future where robots with organic brains could be controlled through their microbiome. That might become reality, if researchers at Virginia Tech can transfer their virtual simulations of a bacteria-powered robot into the real world. [Read More...](#)

Study predicts future of asteroid mining

A new study suggests that minerals and other valuable resources mined from planets, the moon and asteroids could boost prospects for future spaceports in outer space and even space-based economies. [Read More...](#)

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