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

Welcome to the end of March edition of the newsletter.

In the next few weeks Paul will be working on the energy transition for the Australia Sugar Industry, presenting to a NZ conference on education futures, working with the Victorian Local Governance Association on the future of local democracy and community, and several other projects in the pipeline to be announced shortly.

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 and useful.

Cheers,

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What are we writing about?

Paul presented a keynote for the Victorian DPI on social media and applications development for agriculture. You can see the summary video at [Paul Higgins Keynote](#) . If any of the subject matter that was covered interests you then please contact us at info@emergentfutures.com.

Business Tips

Dissensus, not consensus, is the shorter but steeper path

We have deep cognitive biases that negatively impact group decision making, especially when group decision-making is not structured to counter those biases, and does not exploit the value of dissent and diversity. [Read More...](#)

8 Ways Remote Teams Work Faster (and Slower)

Interesting approach to productivity. [Read More...](#)

How To Get Paid To Speak

An oldie but a goodie. [Read More...](#)

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

[Minimal Exercise Works, and Works Best](#)

So, it appears that exercise in modest amounts can have big effects, and if you over-exercise those gains may be wiped out.

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Next-Generation Political Crowdfunding Platforms Reimagine Small Dollar Giving

At a Social Media Week event held at Civic Hall last month, Benjamin Yee, a former Democratic campaign fundraiser, asked a conference room full of people if they had ever donated money to a political campaign. [Read More...](#)

Open-Source Futures: Sirius - digital assistant

Problem with the future is that most parts are sold to stacks. Self-driving cars, wearables, aerial wireless networks, digital payment systems, immersive shopping experiences, space tourism, food replicators, infrastructure etc pp are part of business development plans and belong to corporate accounts. [Read More...](#)

Report's dire warning for food production as climate becomes warmer

A report which examines the effect of climate change on some of Australia's most common agricultural products; including fruits, vegetables, grains, dairy, seafood and meat, paints a dire prediction of future production in a warming world. [Read More...](#)

Programmable ball is a throwable computer for kids

Hackaball is a hackable toy, combining the fun of physical play with an app that encourages kids to invent and program new games. [Read More...](#)

Australian households awash with debt: Barclays

Australian households are the most indebted in the world, according to research by Barclays, which warns that the country would be vulnerable in the event of another global financial shock. [Read More...](#)

Robotics gloves develop to give stroke patients therapy at home

A team of European researchers have been developing robotic gloves aimed at helping stroke victims to receive advanced therapy at home. The SCRIPT project (Supervised Care and Rehabilitation Involving Personal Tele-robotics) has led to two prototypes that help develop hand and wrist movement while recording monitoring and recording the patient's ability to perform a variety of tasks. [Read More...](#)

Ten companies directly responsible for third of Australia's greenhouse gas pollution, Australian Conservation Foundation report finds

The Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) has taken aim at the coal-fired power industry and the mining sector in a report naming and shaming Australia's top 10 worst polluters. [Read More...](#)

Robot vs. Robot

Beautiful mathematical patterns are hidden in the chaos of Jackson Pollock's famous drip paintings. The repeating designs—fractals of grey, black, and yellow—were first uncovered in 1999 by Richard Taylor, a physicist from the University of Oregon. [Read More...](#)

Fears sea levels could rise as 'concerned' scientists find signs huge Antarctic glacier is melting

New aerial ice studies have given scientists an unprecedented insight into how one of the world's largest glaciers is melting. [Read More...](#)

Thomas Piketty on the Euro Zone: 'We Have Created a Monster'

Piketty: The way Europe behaved in the crisis was nothing short of disastrous. Five years ago, the United States and Europe had approximately the same unemployment rate and level of public debt. [Read More...](#)

Japan octopus robot can move through rubble

Japan's Waseda University and Kikuchiseisakusho Co. say they have created a robot that can manoeuvre through rubble for use in disaster-hit areas. [Read More...](#)

5 BIG WAYS EDUCATION WILL CHANGE BY 2020

In the next five years, we'll start to rethink a lot about education, from what's in school lunches to what a college degree really means. [Read More...](#)

Can technology identify China's top graduates?

Most people will have drawn up a curriculum vitae, or resume, at some point in their careers - that all important "path of life" document listing your job history and academic achievements, occasionally peppered with, come on admit it, a tiny bit of embellishment. [Read More...](#)

What the Changing Role of Social-Media Influence Means for Brands

If you thought the sea change caused by social media was hitting a plateau, think again. For over two years, CivicScience has tracked a survey question that asks U.S. consumers what influences them more when it comes to what they buy, where they eat and what they watch: TV ads, Internet ads or chatter they see on social media. Watching this trend line over time reveals some interesting findings. [Read More...](#)

Godmother of VR' sees journalism as the future of virtual reality

Like shoulder pads or frosted hair, virtual reality is often viewed as an relic of the 1980s, but not by former Newsweek reporter Nonny de la Peña. The Los Angeles-based "Godmother of VR" is at the forefront of an endeavour to use the technology to usher in a form of immersive journalism in which viewers are placed within news stories and experience them viscerally. [Read More...](#)

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