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Welcome to the End of November Edition of What's Emerging

For those of you in Australia things tend to wind down a little from here. We are certainly quieter in the weeks around Christmas in New Year as many people take summer holidays and organisations are reluctant to have any big foresight or strategy process going on during that time. We will only have one further newsletter in the middle of December and then will start off the New Year with our traditional big forecasts edition. In the next few weeks Paul will be working with the leadership team of a listed public company on foresight, finalising the strategic plan of a medium sized not for Profit Company in the disability sector, and presenting in Western Australia on the future of agricultural supply chains. If any of these 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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"Productivity" Tricks for the Neurotic, Manic-Depressive, and Crazy

An open and honest account of doubts and procrastination from an overachiever – and a great tip on focus. <u>Read More...</u>

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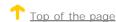
8 Ways to Generate New Clients from Networking Events

So the greybeards tell you to get out there and hit "networking events." But will cowering in the corner at a Bar Association meeting actually translate into new clients? Here are eight ways to make it count. <u>Read More...</u>

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

Morphing Table

Well, what can I say... The Future is here. This is one of the most amazing artifacts from the future I've seen in a long time.



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25 Technologies every Smart City should have

More than 5 billion people will live in cities by 2030. Here's what needs to be in place before then to make cities run smoothly and efficiently. <u>Read More...</u>

Another Banking Scandal

As financial investigations go, it literally can't get any bigger than this: The world's biggest banks are now being investigated for rigging the world's biggest market. <u>Read More...</u>

10 Surprising Social Media Statistics that will make you rethink your Social Strategy

Know what the fastest-growing demographic on twitter is? Or how many new members join LinkedIn every second? The answers will surprise you! <u>Read More...</u>

The IPO of You and Me: How Normal People are becoming Corporations

A new set of tools allows normal people to sell stock in themselves. Read More...

Genomics Technology Races to save Newborns

A Kansas City hospital is pioneering genomic testing to solve life-threatening mysteries involving infants and kids with developmental disorders. <u>Read More...</u>

The 10 Smartest Asia/Pacific Cities

In the fast-growing region, which urban centers are poised to become the model city of the future? *Read More...*

What if the World's Soil runs out?

A broken food system is destroying the soil and fuelling health crises as well as conflicts, warns Professor John Crawford of the University of Sydney. <u>Read More...</u>

Young and Educated in Europe, but Desperate for Jobs

High unemployment in countries like Spain, Portugal and Greece is hitting young people hardest as they take jobs below their skill level and seek work abroad. <u>Read More...</u>

Building the Million Year Disk

Go long with your archive. Not 100 years, not 1000 years, but 1 million years. Here's how it would work. *Read More...*

How Social Robotics is Revolutionizing Therapy for Autistic Children

Social robots are simpler to interact with than humans, can repeat games with infinite patience and record the data for further study. That's changing the way autistic children learn new skills, say therapists. *Read More...*

The Decline of Wikipedia

The community that built the largest encyclopedia in history is shrinking, even as more people and Internet services depend on it than ever. Can it be revived, or is this the end of the Web's idealistic era? *Read More...*

Time's 25 Best Inventions of the Year includes 3 Kickstarter projects — 3Doodler, +Pool, and Oculus Rift! Incredible!

It's a pen that can draw in the air! 3Doodler is the 3D printing pen you can hold in your hand. Lift your imagination off the page!, + POOL makes it possible for everybody to swim in clean river water and a developer kit for the Oculus Rift . <u>Read More...</u>

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How many friends can your brain handle?

Being a social butterfly just might change your brain: In people with a large network of friends and excellent social skills, certain brain regions are bigger and better connected than in people with fewer friends, a new study finds. *Read More...*

Thirty (Plus) Ways the Internet of Things is changing the World

The "Internet of Things" refers to the concept that the Internet is no longer just a global network for people to communicate with one another using computers, but it is also a platform for devices to communicate electronically with the world around them. <u>Read More...</u>

Climate Change shifts Bird Migration—One Generation at a Time

Biologists unravel how warming weather causes some birds to migrate earlier. Read More...

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