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

Welcome to the end of September edition of the newsletter.

Paul is now back from the Business Innovation Factory Conference in Rhode Island.

He is continuing to work on the education and future of work projects we have previously mentioned. In addition he will be working with the Royal Flying Doctor Service on foresight input into their new strategy, presenting on the Future of Tourism in Echuca, Presenting on the Future of Aged Care, and facilitating a workshop for the Australian Rural Leadership Trailblazers Program. He is also going to the new [Zerolatency](#) Virtual Reality centre on Sunday to fight the Zombie Apocalypse as part of his research into new technologies.

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 the 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's presentation to the City of Whittlesea Leadership Program on Leadership in Uncertainty is now up. You can access them by going to our home page at [www.emergentfutures.com](http://www.emergentfutures.com) and looking under latest downloads. If any of the subjects interest you then please contact us at [info@emergentfutures.com](mailto:info@emergentfutures.com).

## Business Tips

### Gmail, Hacked

How to Optimise Your Email Inbox. [Read More...](#)

### Mobile & CRM: Your app is in your customer's hand- how do you maximize that touch point?

Bridging the chasm between the app experiences you deliver and the customer data that is informing your sales and marketing. [Read More...](#)

### 15 LESSONS FROM 15 YEARS OF BLOGGING

Some of these things may be obvious, and some may be slightly corny platitudes. But a few will be useful to you. [Read More...](#)

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

### [Move Over, Siri—The Next Generation of Virtual Assistants Is Almost Here](#)

Are you ready for supersmart AI to make your decisions for you?.

## ■ What's Emerging

### 8 Cities That Show You What the Future Will Look Like

Cities used to grow by accident. Sure, the location usually made sense—someplace defensible, on a hill or an island, or somewhere near an extractable resource or the confluence of two transport routes. [Read More...](#)

### Uber Could Be First to Test Completely Driverless Cars in Public

Uber CEO Travis Kalanick has made no secret about wanting robots to replace human drivers in his rideshare service—and now he's found somewhere to develop them. [Read More...](#)

### UQ team develops needle-free disease detection through nanotechnology patch

An Australian research team is developing a nanotechnology patch that will detect disease-carrying proteins direct from your skin. [Read More...](#)

### DARPA Tests Battery-Powered Exoskeletons on Real Soldiers

Deep in the woods in Maryland, the U.S. Army is testing exoskeletons that can lighten the load that soldiers carry. [Read More...](#)

### Deep Learning Machine Teaches Itself Chess in 72 Hours, Plays at International Master Level

In a world first, a machine plays chess by evaluating the board rather than using brute force to work out every possible move. [Read More...](#)

### The Typical Male U.S. Worker Earned Less in 2014 Than in 1973

The typical man with a full-time job—the one at the statistical middle of the middle—earned \$50,383 last year, the Census Bureau reported this week. [Read More...](#)

### Ras Labs Is Testing Futuristic Muscle Material That Could Make Robots Feel More Human

Synthetics startup Ras Labs is working with the International Space Station to test “smart materials” that contract like living tissue. [Read More...](#)

### In Malaysia, RFID road tax stickers will track all vehicles

Smart stickers will be fitted onto every vehicle, enabling authorities to monitor real-time traffic and track criminals. [Read More...](#)

### Ring tests for STDs and sends results to a smartphone

Hoope is a medical device that fits onto the user's thumb and enables them to painlessly test themselves for common STDs. [Read More...](#)

### Cassini Finds Global Ocean in Saturn's Moon Enceladus

A global ocean lies beneath the icy crust of Saturn's geologically active moon Enceladus, according to new research using data from NASA's Cassini mission. [Read More...](#)

### Spinning Synthetic Spider Silk

A California company may have figured out how to use genetic engineering to make extremely versatile fibers the way spiders can. [Read More...](#)

### 4-D Technology Allows Self-folding of Complex Objects

Using components made from smart shape-memory materials with slightly different responses to heat, researchers have demonstrated a four-dimensional printing technology that allowed creation of complex self-folding structures. [Read More...](#)

### Biometric clip monitors patients' vitals in emergencies

The First Response Monitor is a wearable device that can monitor patients' heart and respiratory rates in mass-casualty emergencies. [Read More...](#)

### UW team links two human brains for question-and-answer experiment

University of Washington graduate student Jose Ceballos wears an electroencephalography (EEG) cap that records brain activity and sends a response to a second participant over the Internet. [Read More...](#)

### How America's Most Useless Crop Also Became Its Most Commonly Grown One

Contrary to what you may think (and what your food labels may suggest) corn is not the most grown crop in America. [Read More...](#)

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