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Welcome to the Mid February Edition of What's Emerging

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Not a lot to say in this edition as the next two weeks is mainly wrapping up a series of projects before embarking on a new set in mid-March. More about those then.

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

Cheers,


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What are we writing about?

Paul's presentation to the Australian Taxation Office Corporate Services Division Leaders Conference is now up on our website. Go to www.emergentfutures.com and look under latest downloads.

Business Tips

4 Lifehacks From Ancient Philosophers That Will Make You Happier

You've probably heard about Stoics or Stoicism — and most of what you know is wrong. They weren't joyless bores. The ancient Stoics were the first lifehackers... [Read More...](#)

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... [Read More...](#)

5 Ways to Keep Employees From Becoming Competitors

To retain highly engaged, entrepreneurially spirited employees, you must learn what makes them tick. [Read More...](#)

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

[10 Free Services Every Tech Entrepreneur Needs to Know](#)

Many of these are applicable to small to medium business in general.

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The 15 fastest-growing megacities

The Greater Tokyo Area, which comprises the entire Kantō region and the prefecture of Yamanashi, is the most populous megacity with 37 million people. [Read More...](#)

Crowdsourced app translates any text, voice or image into 75 languages

Now the new Translate.com app helps users make sense of almost any piece of language — written or spoken — using crowdsourcing translation. [Read More...](#)

Locus recommended reading list for best science fiction and fantasy of 2013

The whole list is just a fantastic signposting of the best the field has to offer. [Read More...](#)

CSEC used airport Wi-Fi to track Canadian travellers

Electronic snooping was part of a trial run for U.S. NSA and other foreign services. [Read More...](#)

America's energy revolution transforms international relations

North America's energy revolution is remaking all aspects of the global economy and international relations in what has turned out to be the most profound shift in the second decade of the 21st century. [Read More...](#)

Space-saving Madrid apartment boasts adaptable interior

Fun-loving Spanish architects Elii, the same firm responsible for the JF-Kit House, recently completed a loft apartment refurbishment in Madrid, coined Didomestic. [Read More...](#)

This GOOGLE glass app lets you answer the door without leaving the couch

Because technology has a solution to most First World problems (smart forks, anyone?), a new Google Glass app will let people answer the door directly from their headsets. [Read More...](#)

As overseas costs rise, more U.S. companies are 'Reshoring'

GE ripped apart one of six massive factories at the complex in Louisville, and built a water heater assembly line. [Read More...](#)

The internet of vegetables: How Cyborg plants can monitor our World

We're on our way to the internet of plants. In the not too distant future, we could see cyborg plants that tell us when they need more water, what chemicals they've been exposed to, and what parasites are eating their roots. [Read More...](#)

Surprise! Sluggish economy prompts Europe to reconsider its intentions on climate change

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Service helps landlords find the perfect tenants

People with shared interests could benefit from being able to connect to each other before pen is put to paper. [Read More...](#)

Amy Merrick explores why Sears, J. C. Penney, and Loehmann's are failing, and where the middle class is really shopping

The post-recession reality is that the customer base for businesses that appeal to the middle class is shrinking as the top tier pulls even further away. [Read More...](#)

The networked car is no longer just an idea; it will be mandated in future vehicles

Apparently the feds are convinced that the technology is ready for prime-time because on Monday, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it is kicking off a process that will one day make inter-networking a requirement in all new vehicles. [Read More...](#)

This student-designed portable home may be the most beautiful tiny house we've seen

Students in the Renewable Energy and Ecological Design (REED) program at Vermont's Green Mountain College just made us all look lazy by designing and building a tiny home that's part wooden chestnut and part stained-glass cathedral. [Read More...](#)

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The healthcare industry is already making use of 3D printing technologies to print casts, tracheal splints, ears, prostheses, and even cells.

Now, a New York-based company wants to print the insoles in your shoes to reduce foot pain and improve posture. [Read More...](#)

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