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Welcome to the Mid-January Edition of What's Emerging

Welcome to the first edition of the newsletter for the year.

We hope that you have had a happy and safe break over the Christmas and New Year period and are ready and raring to go for 2015.

Paul's first job back will be presenting a master class on dealing with unknown unknowns at the [VLGA Mayoral Leadership Conference](#) on Jan 15th 2015 at Werribee Mansion.

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

Cheers,

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What are we writing about?

The second in a series of longer form blog posts on the issues covered in our Pre-Christmas Workshop at the Leadership Victoria Director Dynamics Program on embracing uncertainty is now up. You can read the first one by going to : [The Board's Role In Complex and Uncertain Environments – Part One](#) and follow the link to the second one. If you sign up to follow the blog then you will get notifications of subsequent posts on the this issue and other blog posts as they are published. Alternatively we will highlight them in this newsletter and you can click on them as you receive the next newsletter.

As always our presentations are designed to be an experience for the audience rather than asset of detailed notes. If you are interested in an online run through of any of our presentations then please contact us at info@emergentfutures.com. This is also a service that we offer clients during the presentation preparation phase for conference and workshops to fine tune our focus on the audience and the client requirements.

Business Tips

How To Pitch Ideas Q&A

Notes from a Scott Berkun Workshop. [Read More...](#)

If You Want to Meet That Deadline, Play a Trick on Your Mind

Recognizing that the hardest part of many tasks is beginning them at all, two researchers have sought to determine whether certain outside cues can jump-start us toward reaching our goals. [Read More...](#)

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What's Emerging?

A day in apps: The social media manager's edition

A bit social media focused but some useful productivity apps. [Read More...](#)

Why do you read 1,000 things about change and never change?

Some useful tips on change and the power of habits in particular. [Read More...](#)

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

[100 Great Articles about Science and Technology](#)

The best science and technology articles -- the best articles on science and technology -- all available to read online.

■ What's Emerging

Big Idea 2015: The Coming Micropayment Disruption

Walter Isaacson is the author of "The Innovators: How a Group of Hackers, Geniuses, and Geeks Created the Digital Revolution." [Read More...](#)

Why most 'expert' predictions for 2015 will be wrong

According to some experts, 2015 will be the year of wearable technology; according to others, the year of low oil prices. [Read More...](#)

The Enterprise System Spectator: Eight Incredibly Useful Tips for Writing New Year Predictions

Every year around this time, analysts and assorted pundits put together their lists of predictions for the coming year. These I find to be, for the most part, sleep-inducing and lacking insight. [Read More...](#)

Soon Your Tech Will Talk to You Through Your Skin

When Thomas Ella gets a text message on his smartphone, he can sometimes tell what it says without reading it. Instead, he feels it: [Read More...](#)

Racial Bias, Even When We Have Good Intentions

The deaths of African-Americans at the hands of the police in Ferguson, Mo., in Cleveland and on Staten Island have reignited a debate about race. [Read More...](#)

The rise of the on-demand economy poses difficult questions for workers, companies and politicians

IN THE early 20th century Henry Ford combined moving assembly lines with mass labour to make building cars much cheaper and quicker—thus turning the automobile from a rich man's toy into transport for the masses. [Read More...](#)

This doorbell rings your smartphone when you're not home

LAS VEGAS— You can always know who's at your door— even if you're not home. That's the promise of the Ring, a Wi-Fi-enabled doorbell that allows you to see and speak with everyone who comes to your door from your smartphone, regardless of where you are. [Read More...](#)

Google announces its self-driving car is now fully functional

Google today announced it has completed the first build of its self-driving vehicle prototype. This is the first fully functional self-driving car from the company. [Read More...](#)

MIT announces new initiative on environment

MIT has announced a major new campuswide initiative to promote transformative, cross-disciplinary research relating to the environment. [Read More...](#)

"Houston, You Have A Problem" - Texas Is Headed For A Recession Due To Oil Crash, JPM Warns

It was back in August 2013, when there was nothing but clear skies ahead of the US shale industry that we asked "How Much Is Oil Supporting U.S. Employment Gains?" The answer we gave: [Read More...](#)

Versaball robotic gripper takes up beer pong at CES 2015

Last year, Gizmag reported on Empire Robotics' Versaball Gripper, which looks like an executive stress ball, but is, in fact, an industrial robotic gripper designed to safely handle a wide variety of objects. [Read More...](#)

Long-term US study finds no links between violent video games and youth violence

A new long-term study into violent media in the US could help settle the long-standing argument of whether or not violent films and video games are to blame for violence in society.

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The BrainCard, powered by a Neural Network Chip.

A Neural Network Chip for all your maker projects Robotics fans, drone pilots, hackers & data-miners - rejoice!The BrainCard™ is an open source hardware platform featuring the worlds only fully functional and field-tested Neuromorphic Chip containing 1024 artificial neurons. [Read More...](#)

New, privatized African city heralds climate apartheid

Nigeria's Eko Atlantic augurs how the super-rich will exploit the crisis of climate change to increase inequality and seal themselves off from its impacts. [Read More...](#)

Secretive Military Tech Company Announces Augmented Reality Glasses For Consumers

For the past six years, low-key Osterhout Design Group has been building heavy duty smart glasses for the military. [Read More...](#)

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