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Welcome to the mid-July Edition of What's Emerging

Welcome to the middle of July edition.

We hope that those of you who had to deal with end of financial year issues have got past the mad rush and now have more time to concentrate on strategy issues. In the next few weeks Paul will present three keynotes on the future of council services, present a keynote on the future for disability services beyond the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, present at Servcorp on the disruptive effects of technology on business. 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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■ What are we writing about?

Paul's presentation to the National Disability Services Conference is now up on our website. You can access it by going to www.emergentfutures.com and looking under latest downloads on the home page. 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

Break These 7 Habits to be a Highly Successful Business Revolutionary

Don Tapscott presented these to the convocation of the MBA graduating class of INSEAD -- the Paris Business School. Do they work for you? [Read More...](#)

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Here are some useful tips, tricks, hacks, extensions, and apps for novices and experts alike to enhance your Google Plus experience and maximize the most out of your account. [Read More...](#)

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From Appsumo via Product Hunt. [Read More...](#)

5 Key Principles for Displaying Data Effectively

When trying to present data and statistics to our peers and colleagues, often we go for as much as possible, as opposed to as much as we need. Bipul shares 5 key principles for displaying data effectively, to make your presentations much more impacting. [Read More...](#)

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

[Nine habits leaders need to break](#)

"Keep learning" is the mantra of modern management. You have to keep up with the constant stream of new information, new technology, new paradigms – new everything. But sometimes one of the keys to progress is "unlearning." Dumping old skills and habits is often more valuable than learning new ones.

■ What's Emerging

Two Reports Predicting the Future of Humanity Agree We're Not Totally Doomed

Two recent reports on the future of human civilization agree on one important point: We're not totally screwed. [Read More...](#)

Google's Big Bet on the Future of UI: Gadgets That Predict Your Needs

At I/O last week, Google didn't make much hay about its boldest release all year: Android Wear, its OS for smartwatches and Google Glass, won't be some simplified version of a smartphone UI. Rather, it will be a new kind of beast, whose core experience is lifted heavily from Google Now. The Android Wear UX won't be a bunch of app icons arrayed on a screen; rather, it'll be a series of cards, each of which is triggered by whatever you might be doing in the moment. [Read More...](#)

How IBM is using big data to fix Beijing's pollution crisis

Of China's major cities, Beijing's pollution problem is probably the worst, causing thousands of premature deaths every year. Its residents are fed up. The growing outrage has forced leaders to declare a "war on pollution," including the goal of slashing Beijing's PM2.5— the concentration of the particles that pose the greatest risk to human health—by 25% by 2017. The Beijing municipal government will earmark nearly 1 trillion yuan (\$160 billion) to meet that target. [Read More...](#)

NASA space rover drives on the underside of the ice.

NASA just completed a test of an early prototype—maybe just an early, early precursor—space rover that may be flown to explore the Jupiter moon Europa. What's cool is that the rover is designed to float on the underside of the ice and "rove as if the underside of the ice is the ground." Up is down, down is up. [Read More...](#)

OECD Economic Surveys: United States 2014

OECD's 2014 Economic Survey of the United States examines recent economic developments, policies and prospects. Special chapters cover improving well-being and making the best of new energy resources. [Read More...](#)

IBM: Commercial Nanotube Transistors Are Coming Soon

Chips made with nanotube transistors, which could be five times faster, should be ready around 2020, says IBM. [Read More...](#)

The coming 50 years of economic problems, in 3 charts

Everyone knows there's plenty of economic inequality worldwide. But it's about to get even worse, for decades on end, along with economic growth. [Read More...](#)

Daimler Demonstrates a Self-Driving Truck

MAGDEBURG, Germany — For Daimler, the truck driver of the future looks something like this: He is seated in the cab of a semi, eyes on a tablet and hands resting in his lap. [Read More...](#)

Climate Scientist: Manhattan Will Need "Venice-Like Canals" to Stop Flooding

The Rebuild by Design competition, sponsored by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, is an innovative federal effort to deviate from the standard post-disaster response. Instead of simply assisting in rebuilding what existed before, thus ensuring the area in question will be vulnerable again once the next storm hits, the idea here was not just to rebuild, but to rebuild better and safer – to bounce forward, so to speak. The competition made every effort to achieve this objective. But did it succeed?. [Read More...](#)

A Bionic, Mind-Controlled Arm, From the Inventor of the Segway

The Segway was supposed to change everything ... until it became the preferred transportation of walking tours and shopping mall security. But now its inventor, Dean Kamen, is back with a new creation that might be slightly more revolutionary. [Read More...](#)

10 Breakthrough Innovations That Will Shape The World In 2025

To make some predictions, the Thomson Reuters IP & Science unit looked at two sorts of data: current scientific journal literature and patent applications. Counting citations and other measures of buzz, they identified 10 hot fields, then made specific forecasts for each. [Read More...](#)

Digital disruption could cost Australian banks \$27 billion a year

Australia's big banks face the prospect of losing 30 per cent of their revenue to a new wave of digital competitors. [Read More...](#)

BRITISH AIRWAYS MADE A BLANKET THAT MEASURES PASSENGERS' MOODS

If there's ever a sense of community that comes from collectively hurtling through the air in a winged metal tube, it's those shared experiences of arm-rest diplomacy, cramped washrooms, that screaming kid in 14F and enough small talk to lull most adults unconscious. [Read More...](#)

CDC: Two of every five U.S. households have only wireless phones

More Americans than ever have cut the (telephone) cord, but the growth rate of wireless-only households slowed last year. [Read More...](#)

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Here's what you get when a smartphone manufacturer asks a master bike builder and a young apprentice to reimagine a better bicycle: A design that uses apps to cleverly make streets safer for cyclists. [Read More...](#)

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