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### Welcome to the Middle of March Edition of What's Emerging

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In the next few weeks Paul will be finalising a strategic plan for a not for profit company, chairing a session on Social Innovation for Leadership Victoria, and working with two listed companies on envisioning new business models. If any of these approaches interest you then please contact us at [info@emergentfutures.com](mailto:info@emergentfutures.com).

Next week Paul will be presenting at the [Leading Change Forum](#) in the Alpine Valley on leading in complex futures where Glenn McGrath will be giving a keynote at the dinner. If you are quick there may still be some tickets left – see the link for details.

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

Cheers,

Paul Higgins, Sandy Teagle, Kim Stewart, Ashalatha, Syed Muqthar, and Samantha Kyle-Little

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### What are we writing about?

Paul was interviewed by American Futurist Eric Garland on various aspects of the future. You can see the video at [The Garland Report](#).

### Business Tips

The Data Visualisation Catalogue

Helping you display your data... [Read More...](#)

How to use LEGOs to manage your time better

This system that ultimately helps you get more out of the time you have. [Read More...](#)

LiveSift Makes Your Meetings More Meaningful

LiveSift is an easy to use collaborative platform that makes meetings, conferences, and other events more engaging and productive. Participants use their own Internet connected devices to contribute to group tasks like brainstorming, evaluation and prioritization. Real-time visualizations of group input makes discussions focused and engaging. Automated reporting makes sharing outcomes quick and easy. Currently in Beta. [Read More...](#)

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## What's Emerging?

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

#### [7 Steps for Putting Ideas into Action](#)

Here is a seven-step technique for developing ideas you can actually use to solve business problems.

### ■ What's Emerging

The enterprise technologies to watch in 2014

This year's watch list shows that there's plenty of hot new spaces to watch, while a few much older trends are just now reaching mainstream. [Read More...](#)

Etsy's recipe for purpose: creating a culture around mindfulness

The 6 key ingredients to the "secret sauce" behind their success in attracting and retaining talent. [Read More...](#)

Turn any pair of glasses into Google glass frames with this 3D printed solution.

You can make any pair of regular glasses compatible with Glass for pennies if you have access to a 3D printer. [Read More...](#)

Despite the bad news for manufacturing and Qantas, innovative industries are booming in Sydney.

A slice of Sydney 25 kilometres long and a few kilometres wide has been one of the city's unsung success stories. [Read More...](#)

21 technologies that will decentralize the World.

Across the planet, new technologies and business models are decentralizing power and placing it in the hands of communities and individuals. [Read More...](#)

Women, stop giving it away for free

Shockingly, one in four women will have little, or no, super, at a time when the federal government is considering cutting the aged pension. [Read More...](#)

7 urban apps guaranteed to improve the quality of city life

Here are the apps the Guardian Tech Desk can't do without, in our own cities and others. [Read More...](#)

This column will change your life: Helsinki bus station Theory

The theory claims the secret to a creatively fulfilling career lies in understanding the operations of Helsinki's main bus station. [Read More...](#)

Kid logic works better for learning new gizmos

Preschoolers can be smarter than college students at figuring out how unusual toys and gadgets work according to new research. [Read More...](#)

Citing shift to online sales, Staples says it will close up to 225 stores by the end of 2015

Staples, the nation's largest office-supply company, said on Thursday that nearly half of its sales were now generated online. [Read More...](#)

Despite climate change, Africa can feed Africa

Many communities across the continent are already building resilience by stimulating their existing ecosystems and available natural resource bases. [Read More...](#)

Germany's powers of innovation turn to Crowdfunding

Crowdfunding is transforming Germany's investment landscape, and increasingly seen as a finance option of choice, rather than last resort, for the country's booming start up sector. [Read More...](#)

## What's Emerging?

### Currency of China continues to decline

The value of China's currency, the renminbi, continued to slide against the United States dollar on Friday, rattling investors by falling to its lowest level in nearly a year before closing higher.

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### E-bikes bring individual and sustainable transport to China

Since e-bikes can go further, faster than traditional bicycles and are still cheaper than automobiles, they serve as the accessible option for China's emerging middle class. [Read More...](#)

### 3D-printed patch can reverse a heart attack

Stretchable electronics make it possible to custom fit pacemakers for each patient. [Read More...](#)

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