

# What's Emerging?

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### Welcome to the Mid-November Edition of What's Emerging

Welcome to the mid-November edition of the newsletter.

Paul is continuing to work on the education and future of work projects we have previously mentioned. In the next few weeks he will be working with the Royal Flying Doctor Service on foresight input into their new strategy, presenting at a teacher education training day on the need for skills in technology and collaboration in the regions. He will also be doing a bit of teaching in the Veterinary Master's Program at the University of Melbourne on the Clinician of the Future.

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?

Our more recent work has been private rather than public and therefore we cannot share it with you for commercial reasons. You can access previous presentations by going to our home page at [www.emergentfutures.com](http://www.emergentfutures.com) and looking under latest downloads. Paul will also be publishing a series of blogs around the issues that have come up in the private work in the next few weeks. You can access those by going to [www.futuristpaul.com](http://www.futuristpaul.com). If any of the subjects interest you then please contact us at [info@emergentfutures.com](mailto:info@emergentfutures.com).

### Business Tips

#### Visualization Tools

A great library of 338 visualisation tools [Read More...](#)

#### Introducing training.npr.org

Some good resources from NPR if you are in the storytelling business. [Read More...](#)

#### Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency Technologies

If you are interested or intrigued or confused by Bitcoin and Blockchain here is a Coursera course from Princeton that come highly recommended. Paul is going to do it once he finishes his current IDEO U course on creative thinking and prototyping. [Read More...](#)

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

### [Why Self-Driving Cars Must Be Programmed to Kill](#)

Self-driving cars are already cruising the streets. But before they can become widespread, carmakers must solve an impossible ethical dilemma of algorithmic morality.

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This simple chart shows why Activision is paying \$5.9 billion for Candy Crush maker King

On 3rd Nov night, Activision Blizzard announced it was buying King, the maker of Candy Crush, for \$US5.9 billion in cash, a 20% premium over King's share price at close yesterday. [Read More...](#)

'Desperate environmentalism' won't save the environment

A must read power piece in this week's LA Times. [Read More...](#)

Apps spy on users all the time, and Android is worse on this than iOS

A study found that it's now the norm for smartphone apps to "spy" on their users, reporting what they do on their devices while the software is running. [Read More...](#)

Australia's freelance economy grows to 4.1 million workers, study finds

Australia's hidden economy added a further 370,000 to its ranks in the past 12 months, with nearly one third of the workforce now taking part in freelance work, according to a new study by jobs marketplace Upwork. [Read More...](#)

Virtual reality travel adventures via room service

VR postcards, from Marriott Hotels and Samsung, enable guests at select hotels to order in-room virtual reality travel experiences. [Read More...](#)

40% of Millennials would give up cash completely

A new BI Intelligence study surveyed 1,500 Millennials (ages 18-34) to explore how they use physical and digital banking channels. [Read More...](#)

Volvo is testing kangaroo avoidance technology for Australian drivers

Stateside, as large mammals go, deer are probably the single biggest threat to cars traveling the highways. Now, imagine a smaller, "very unpredictable" deer that hops on two legs: that's the hell of driving in Australia, where some 20,000 kangaroo collisions are said to happen annually. [Read More...](#)

Cutting Sugar Improves Children's Health in Just 10 Days

Obese children who cut back on their sugar intake see improvements in their blood pressure, cholesterol readings and other markers of health after just 10 days, a rigorous new study found. [Read More...](#)

This smartphone you can smoke is the ultimate vaporware

It's hard to find genuinely game-changing innovation in the smartphone space these days. [Read More...](#)

Test Facility Begins Capturing Carbon from Air

Pilot plant in Canada tries to demonstrate carbon capture on an industrial scale. [Read More...](#)

6 amazing technologies – and when you can expect them

Ever had concerns about how technology intrudes on your life? Ever had hopes of what you could accomplish with technology? [Read More...](#)

Ending polio: 'We're on the verge of making history'

A huge immunization drive in Nigeria has meant there have been no new cases of polio for more than a year. [Read More...](#)

## Climate Science, 50 Years Later

On 5 November, 1965, the group now known as the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) cautioned President Lyndon B. Johnson that continued accumulation of atmospheric carbon dioxide resulting from fossil-fuel burning would "almost certainly cause significant changes" and "could be deleterious from the point of view of human beings." [Read More...](#)

## Leaving Our Children Nothing

Our generation has a unique opportunity. If we set our minds to it, we could be the first in human history to leave our children nothing: no greenhouse-gas emissions, no poverty, and no biodiversity loss. [Read More...](#)

## IBM: Computers Will See, Hear, Taste, Smell and Touch in 5 Years

Today's PCs and smartphones can do a lot – from telling you the weather in Zimbabwe in milliseconds, to buying your morning coffee. But ask them to show you what a piece of fabric feels like, or to detect the odor of a great-smelling soup, and they're lost. [Read More...](#)

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