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What's Emerging Mid March 2018

Welcome to the Mid-March 2018 Edition of What's Emerging

As well as continuing with the book writing on driverless cars, in the next couple of months Paul is presenting to three different organisations on the future of automation and AI in agriculture, presenting to the Moonee Valley Council on key trends and factors to take into account for their 2040 vision, running a workshop for a family care services organisation, and facilitating a transport workshop on the future of taxis and ride share business models. After Easter Paul is doing two further presentations on technology in agriculture, and presenting a keynote to the Communities in Control Conference, and two presentations on digital disruption in the housing market. In July and August Paul will be presenting with NAB Chief Economist Alan Oster in a major capital city road show with the National Bank on the Future of Health. Paul is also continuing his involvement in venture philanthropy with SVP Melbourne's latest investment. If you are interested in any of these subjects then please email us at info@emergentfutures.com.

We hope that you continue to find the newsletter interesting.

Cheers,

Paul Higgins, Sandy Teagle, Ranjitha and Samantha Kyle-Little

What are we writing about?

As Paul has been doing private client work in the last two weeks there is no public writing we can post for this edition of the newsletter.

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Business Tips

Inside Atlassian: how to make team decisions without killing your momentum

It's hard enough making decisions by ourselves. Sandwich or salad? Coffee or tea? T-shirt or button-down? Now imagine if your whole team was in your closet, helping to choose your outfit.

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Diagnosing the causes of volunteer recruitment problems

A simple but effective set of questions for any organisation utilising the skills and time of volunteers [Read More...](#)

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Levi's Invented A Laser-Wielding Robot That Makes Ethical Jeans

Levi's Eureka Lab has concocted new laser tech to make creating ripped and washed jeans easier and more efficient. It saves time, effort, and the Earth. [Read More...](#)

'Success' on YouTube Still Means a Life of Poverty

You can have a million views a month and still not be able to make rent. A classic case of the power law distribution in these systems and markets. Some do very well, most do not.

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Doctors In China Lead Race To Treat Cancer By Editing Genes

Shaorong Deng is sitting up in bed at the Hangzhou Cancer Hospital waiting for his doctor. Thin and frail, the 53-year-old construction worker's coat drapes around his shoulders to protect against the chilly air. Deng is participating in what is the most advanced study in China testing CRISPR in sick people. China is leading the efforts in some of these areas because of less regulatory restrictions being in place. [Read More...](#)

Artificial eye flexes muscle to do what the human eye can't

Harvard has reported a breakthrough flat artificial eye just 30 microns in depth which can exceed the capabilities of the human eye. A miracle but also a worry from a surveillance point of view.

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AI breakthrough: Otter.ai app can transcribe your meetings in real time, for free

Among the billion dollar technology giants with their three-story booths at Mobile World Congress 2018, there was a pair of entrepreneurs wandering around talking about an AI breakthrough that they just launched in a new iOS and Android app called Otter.ai.

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Robotics, Vision and Motion Control Industries Set New Growth Records in 2017

The North American robotics, machine vision and motion control markets continue to set new records, according to the Association for Advancing Automation's annual report on automation and robotics market statistics. [Read More...](#)

How to persuade a robot that you should get the job

Do mere human beings stand a chance against software that claims to reveal what a real-life face-to-face chat can't? Some people are resorting to tricks to get past the AI guardians or the recruitment world [Read More...](#)

Highly elastic, ultrathin membrane turns your skin into an LED display

AResearchers of University of Tokyo's Graduate School of Engineering in partnership with Dai Nippon Printing invented an elastic display which fits over the skin and able to show the waveform of an electrocardiogram. [Read More...](#)

German cities to trial free public transport to cut pollution

"Car nation" Germany has surprised neighbours with a radical proposal to reduce road traffic by making public transport free, as Berlin scrambles to meet EU air pollution targets and avoid big fines. [Read More...](#)

World's tallest offshore wind turbine will tower over iconic buildings

As the historic shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy continues, wind turbines are growing in size as well as number. And now General Electric has announced plans to build what it says will be the world's biggest offshore wind turbine. Size is important here. They can generate more energy per dollar of capital investment, and also produce less variable energy streams. [Read More...](#)

If You're so Smart, Why Aren't You Rich? Turns Out it's Just Chance

The most successful people are not the most talented, just the luckiest, a new computer model of wealth creation confirms. Taking that into account can maximize return on many kinds of investment. [Read More...](#)

The Rise of Virtual Citizenship

"If you believe you are a citizen of the world, you are a citizen of nowhere. You don't understand what citizenship means," the British prime minister, Theresa May, declared in October 2016. You can become a citizen of various countries by making major property investments, even if you never set foot there. You can also be an e-citizen of Estonia which has part of a data centre designated as a "digital embassy". But beware, there are pitfalls.

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This Is What Happens When Bitcoin Miners Take Over Your Town

Eastern Washington had cheap power and tons of space. Then the suitcases of cash started arriving. What followed was not pretty. [Read More...](#)

Credit card debt surpasses \$1 trillion in the US for first time

U.S. consumers' total credit card debt exceeded \$1 trillion for the first time, according to a new study by the personal finance website WalletHub. This cannot be good for risk and a fragile economy. [Read More...](#)

How exercise in old age prevents the immune system from declining

Doing lots of exercise in older age can prevent the immune system from declining and protect people against infections, scientists say. Some older long distance cyclists have the immune system of young people. Get on your bike! [Read More...](#)

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