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### Welcome to the Mid of November 2017 Edition of What's Emerging

Paul is putting more and more of the book on driverless cars up on the web. See links under the what are we writing about section and follow him there if you are interested in more information.

As well as the book writing Paul is mentoring a young entrepreneur for the Foundation for Young Australians Social Entrepreneur Program, and working on two new business investment proposals. He is also presenting on Foresight and leadership for Leadership Victoria in early December, and preparing a client day on the future of credit next week after presenting on future strategy in agriculture for a Boehringer Ingelheim customer conference last week.

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?

Paul has written a series of new posts that are emerging from his book writing with Chris Rice: [Who Wants to be a Car Dealer?](#) - The car crash (sic) for car dealerships will come well before autonomous electric cars are widespread. [Is avoiding parking costs the "killer app" for driverless car strategy?](#) - Is the Global Parking Index a Proxy for Predicting Driverless Car Strategy? [Does the Car Industry Crash](#) in 2024 or 2026? - When electric cars reach cost parity who trades in their car for a new internal combustion engine car? [Tourism and Electric Cars](#) - Different scenarios for the adoption of electric cars pose interesting questions for the tourism industry. These are all partner posts with Medium. If you are a paying member at Medium you can access as many of the stories as you like. If not you can still view three a month for free. Medium has now changed its policy, so you do not have to be a logged in member to read those free articles. If you are a paying member at Medium, please support Paul and Chris in their writing by spreading the word, and clicking on the applause button to show your appreciation. More to follow.

### Business Tips

9 ways to use the Google Home in the kitchen

Not strictly a business tip. [Read More...](#)

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## Scanning, Converting and Editing Text on the Go

Inexpensive Android apps that let you take a picture of a document and convert the photo to a Microsoft Word-compatible file that can be edited and printed [Read More...](#)

## The 10/10/10 Rule For Tough Decisions

It's good to sleep on it when there are tough choices to make, but you also need a strategy once you wake up—which is why you should employ the 10/10/10 rule. Particularly good for things which seem really important in the short term but aren't. [Read More...](#)

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

### [The Ultimate Workflow for Writers Obsessed with Quality](#)

## ■ What's Emerging

### New science suggests the ocean could rise more — and faster — than we thought

Climate change could lead to sea level rises that are larger, and happen more rapidly, than previously thought, according to a trio of new studies that reflect mounting concerns about the stability of polar ice. [Read More...](#)

### Scientists And Surgeons Team Up To Create Virtual Human Brain Cells

Scientists in Seattle have created three-dimensional computer reconstructions of living human brain cells by studying tissue that is usually discarded during surgery. [Read More...](#)

### Drug Cartels Are Building Assassin Drones

Mexican Federal Police arrested four men driving a stolen vehicle on Oct. 20 in Guanajuato, in Central Mexico, and in the car's trunk, in a container next to an AK-47 variant rifle, they found a weapon that could soon change the nature of policing criminal gangs. [Read More...](#)

### Baidu, Shouqi Limousine & Chauffeur to develop driverless cars

Chinese Internet giant Baidu and Shouqi Limousine & Chauffeur, an online car rental company, have entered a strategic partnership to speed up the development of driverless vehicles.

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### The world is abandoning coal-fired electricity at an astonishing pace

Coal is the dirtiest of fossil fuels—it produces per kilogram the least amount of energy and the greatest amount of pollution—and the world is quickly abandoning it. [Read More...](#)

### Walmart's shelf-scanning robots to patrol the aisles of 50 stores

Machines already play a part in the shopping experience for many, with self-checkout facilities popping up in supermarkets and department stores all over the world. [Read More...](#)

### The Biggest Stock Collapse in World History Has No End in Sight

PetroChina, the first \$1 trillion company, has sunk since 2007 [Read More...](#)

### CAPTCHAs cracked by new artificial intelligence, after very little training

Machines masquerading as humans have never had it so easy. New artificial intelligence can crack a range of CAPTCHAs — tests commonly used by websites to check if a user is a person or robot — with very little practice. [Read More...](#)

### World's first 3D-printed bridge opens in the Netherlands

The Netherlands just made history by officially opening the world's first 3D-printed bridge.

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## Chinese personal shoppers have created a new type of retail store in Australia

It might seem unlikely that there are stores selling only a small range of products at prices significantly higher than supermarkets yet turning over millions of dollars each year.

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## In Flesh-Cutting Task, Autonomous Robot Surgeon Beats Human Surgeons

Imagine that you're on the operating table, waiting for surgeons to cut a tumor out of your flesh.

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## AI spots Alzheimer's brain changes years before symptoms emerge

Artificial intelligence can identify changes in the brains of people likely to get Alzheimer's disease almost a decade before doctors can diagnose the disease from symptoms alone.

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## The New Religions Obsessed with A.I.

What has improved American lives most in the last 50 years? According to a Pew Research study reported this month, it's not civil rights (10 percent) or politics (2 percent): it's technology (42 percent). [Read More...](#)

## The robot lawyers are here - and they're winning

Amid the dire - and somewhat overhyped - predictions of occupations that will be decimated by artificial intelligence and automation, there is one crumb of comfort. [Read More...](#)

## Apple Pay Cash launches in beta today, letting you send and receive cash in Messages

Apple is soft-launching direct, person-to-person payments in an iMessage today with the Apple Pay Cash beta. [Read More...](#)

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