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Welcome to the Mid-September 2017 Edition of What's Emerging

Paul has had a busy couple weeks with keynotes in Victoria, and Western Australia, acting as a mentor the Foundation for Young Australians Social Entrepreneur Program, and attending the annual pitch night for Social Venture Partners Melbourne, as well as two presentations on Strategic Foresight to the City of Kingston leadership program. In addition we have completed a relaunch of our website – go to www.emergentfutures.com and tell us what you think.

P.S. : Paul also appeared on The Chase Australia during the week but it was a bit of a disaster so he did not want you to know.

We hope that you continue to find the newsletter interesting.

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

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What are we writing about?

Paul's has written a new bog post: **Leadership in a Post Capitalist??? World**. The post is a detailed summary of his presentation to Leadership Victoria at Minter Ellison in Melbourne last week on the same subject. Beware – we already have two comments from readers that it made their head hurt. Go to www.futuristpaul.com to read it.

Business Tips

How To Recover From An Unproductive Day Like It Never Happened

Some solid advice here – don't let one bad day (and we all have them) cost you the next day The Platform Design Toolkit. [Read More...](#)

The Platform Design Toolkit

For those of you who are fans of thee Business Model Canvas this is a very useful addition to that type of tool when thinking about platform business models. [Read More...](#)

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Find a fulfilling career that does good

This free guide is based on five years of research alongside academics at Oxford. Very useful when talking to teenagers about their education and possible future careers. [Read More...](#)

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

[Google is sharing its management tools with the world](#)

■ What's Emerging

Will Fitbit's sleep apnoea tracking actually work?

Fitbit, the digital health company whose wristbands have become synonymous with the whole activity-tracking movement, is trying to bring its health monitoring game to the next level — by focusing on a sleep disorder that affects millions of Americans. A much more complex issue, both technically, and liability wise. [Read More...](#)

AI has learned to write totally believable product reviews -- and the implications are staggering

Researchers have used AI to develop software that can write extremely believable fake online reviews. Not good news for the search for good places to eat or stay, but there is hope on the horizon. [Read More...](#)

UK scientists create world's smallest surgical robot to start a hospital revolution

British scientists have developed the world's smallest surgical robot which could transform everyday operations for tens of thousands of patients. Still larger than you might think though. [Read More...](#)

The meaning of life in a world without work

One problem when the computers replace humans is the challenge of wealth distribution in society. That seems to be possible to solve by implementing a system of Universal Basic Income. Also by rethinking what work is. [Read More...](#)

How technology created a global village — and put us at each other's throats - The Boston Globe

On Easter Sunday, a man in Cleveland filmed himself murdering a random 74-year-old and posted the video on Facebook. The social network took the grisly clip down within two or three hours, but not before users shared it on other websites — where people around the world can still view it. [Read More...](#)

Why Is Inflation So Low? Four Heterodox Explanations

Like the Pope during the Galileo affair, central bankers prefer to deny the facts that contradict their dogma, the Phillips curve and the Fisher equation in this case. An important issue as it flows through to decisions on interest rates, which are a critical issue in Australia due to mortgage debt. [Read More...](#)

Cricket Farm Operated By Robots Aims To Make Insects A Viable Source Of Protein

A facility in Texas is raising the insects as a large-scale farming project. My not be the future of farming but could become a significant niche is fully industrialised and ruggedised. [Read More...](#)

Future Hurricanes Will Be Worse Than Harvey

Research on Superstorm Sandy yields grim projections about global warming and extreme weather in the decades to come. [Read More...](#)

Euro Area Unemployment Stands At 9.1 %, Lowest Since 2009

The euro area (EA19) seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 9.1% in July 2017, stable compared to June 2017 and down from 10.0% in July 2016. Still very high though. [Read More...](#)

In China, facial recognition is used to buy KFC, board planes, and catch drug users

China is facing a tech boom that's equal parts inspiring and alarming. Significant change, and the capacity to scale very quickly. [Read More...](#)

Mesh Networks Can Keep People Connected During Natural Disasters

New York — Natural disasters like Hurricane Harvey are a threat not only to human life but also to telecommunication systems. When they go down, entire cities and communities are cut off from each other. Also can be used in farming systems where mobile or broadband coverage is poor. [Read More...](#)

Lithium-ion batteries that don't explode a step closer with new water-based technology

Exploding lithium-ion batteries may soon be a thing of the past with the development of a safer, lighter version that matches the power level needed to run everyday devices. [Read More...](#)

Opioid Use May Explain 20% of Drop in American Men's Labor-Force Participation

Opioid use by American men may account for one-fifth of the decline in their participation in the U.S. labor force, according to a study by Princeton University economist Alan Krueger. A terrible indictment of modern society. [Read More...](#)

Coastal Cities Are Increasingly Vulnerable, and So Is the Economy that Relies on Them

There was a time a decade or two ago when society could have made a choice to write off our massive investment in a fossil fuel-based economy and begin a policy driven shift towards a cleaner renewable infrastructure that could have forestalled the worst effects of climate change. [Read More...](#)

IBM pitched its Watson supercomputer as a revolution in cancer care. It's nowhere close

It was an audacious undertaking, even for one of the most storied American companies: With a single machine, IBM would tackle humanity's most vexing diseases and revolutionize medicine. Oversold and now paying the consequences from a brand point of view. [Read More...](#)

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