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What's Emerging End February 2018

Welcome to the end of February edition of our newsletter.

As well as continuing with the book writing on driverless cars, in the next couple of months Paul is presenting to four 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. He is also currently in negotiations for a national roadshow on the future of health. More to come on that later if it is agreed to. 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?

Paul has written a post on what the future house/car/solar panel system might look like when it is controlled by an AI that trades energy for you. Go to [Medium](#) to read it.

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Business Tips

How To Write A Good Bio

An old one but still good – from the ever informative Scott Berkun [Read More...](#)

BeyondCorp: How Google Ditched VPNs for Remote Employee Access

An important one for security issues. [Read More...](#)

How To Setup Chrome For Productivity

Some simple tips to reduce time wasted in the browser. [Read More...](#)

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[Eighteen tech tools for the 2018 not-for-profit](#)

■ What's Emerging

Self-Healing Electronic 'Skin' Lets Amputees Sense Temperature And Pressure On Prosthetic Limbs

Biomedicine just took another leap forward. University of Colorado Boulder scientists created so-called electronic skin—e-skin for short. [Read More...](#)

The first-ever rigorous quantitative study of US artistic revenue from internet indies: 14.8M Americans earned \$5.9B in 2016

The Re:Create coalition has just published *Unlocking the Gates: America's New Creative Economy*, a quantitative report that uses rigorous statistical methods to derive the total income, by state, earned by creators who use the internet to reach their audiences. [Read More...](#)

China is the world's largest consumer of fast food. And it's causing major damage

Spend a few days in any Chinese city, and you'll notice the vast number of scooter-straddling couriers weaving through streets, alleys, and sidewalks, delivering an endless stream of food to homes and offices. [Read More...](#)

A phone that says "no" to little kid fingers

An algorithm for detecting who's swiping the screen could help make phones child-proof. After a few swipes it can tell almost perfectly if it is an adult or a child using the phone and shut the child out. [Read More...](#)

Olympic Athletes Are Using STRIVR To Train For 2018 Winter Games

VR has already won multiple Emmys among other awards, but it might be on its way to winning an Olympic gold or two, too. [Read More...](#)

Hywind Scotland, World's First Floating Wind Farm, Performing Better Than Expected

The world's first floating wind farm, the 30 megawatt Hywind Scotland, is outperforming expectations and operating at levels consistently above that of its seabound offshore brethren, according to project developer Statoil. [Read More...](#)

How the Army plans to use virtual humans powered by artificial intelligence

Deep within the Army's 2019 budget request, lies a program that, at first glance, reads like the plot of an episode from the futuristic series "Black Mirror." [Read More...](#)

MIT Researchers Develop Infinite Power Tech That Works On Temperature Fluctuations

Researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have announced a new power generating device that is able to use temperature fluctuations to create electricity. Very low output at this point but promising. [Read More...](#)

The U.S. Military Will Have More Robots Than Humans by 2025

Armed with a budget of over \$700 billion for the coming year – which will likely continue to grow over the course of Trump's Pentagon-controlled presidency — the Pentagon's dystopian vision for the future of the military is quickly becoming a question not of if but when.

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Economists cannot avoid making value judgments

AMID the name-calling and bluster that mar many fights between economists are a few common tactics. Belligerents may attack the theory used to support a claim, or the data analysis used to quantify an effect. [Read More...](#)

Using “Nanodrops” to Repair Corneas Could Ultimately Replace Glasses

New eye drops developed by researchers from the Shaare Zedek Medical Center and Bar-Ilan University in Israel can improve both nearsightedness and farsightedness, the inventors claim.

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Brain-Like Chips Now Beat the Human Brain in Speed and Efficiency

Move over, deep learning. Neuromorphic computing—the next big thing in artificial intelligence—is on fire. [Read More...](#)

Google Flights will now predict airline delays – before the airlines do

Google is rolling out a few new features to its Google Flights search engine to help travelers tackle some of the more frustrating aspects of air travel – delays and the complexities of the cheaper,

Basic Economy fares. [Read More...](#)

Ace Parking says Uber, Lyft have cut parking business up to 50% in some venues

San Diego parking giant Ace Parking says that Uber and Lyft are eating into the parking business — with as much as 50 percent less traffic at nightclubs and a 25 percent drop at restaurant valets. Expect more stories like this as driverless cars start to appear [Read More...](#)

Magic Leap’s cheapest headsets will cost as much as a high-end phone, says CEO

Magic Leap is planning multiple editions of its augmented reality glasses for different levels of consumers and professionals, with the cheapest starting at the price of a “higher-end mobile phone to higher-end tablet,” says company president and CEO Rony Abovitz. If they can provide what they promise there will be queues out the door. [Read More...](#)

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