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Welcome to the End 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. In the last two weeks he has presented to Boehringer Ingelheim's customer loyalty day on the future strategy for agriculture, and to a client day for ARL Receivables on the future of credit. 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

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What are we writing about?

Paul presented to the clients of a debt collection company on the future of credit. You can see his presentation and the associated notes [here](#). Paul has written a series of new posts that are emerging from his book writing with Chris Rice [When Should a 2 Car Family Buy an Electric Car](#) - This turns out to be a more complicated story than you might think. [Should Australia Skip Personal Electric Vehicles?](#) - A radical policy solution for Australian personal transport

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Business Tips

My Favourite Writing Tools

Paul has published some of the writing tools he has used in writing his new book with Chris Rice, and some tips on how to use them. [Read More...](#)

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Franz is your messaging app for WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, Slack, HipChat, Telegram and many many more. It puts all your notifications in one place. [Read More...](#)

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[The 10/10/10 Rule For Tough Decisions](#)

What's Emerging

China's Deliverymen Face Robot Revolution as Parcel Demand Soars

Robots are among technologies revolutionising China's vast delivery industry, which is struggling to keep pace with 50 percent annual growth in parcel volumes amid staff shortages, tight competition and declining margins. [Read More...](#)

Hackers Say They've Broken Face Id A Week After Iphone X Release

When Apple released the iPhone X on November 3, it touched off an immediate race among hackers around the world to be the first to fool the company's futuristic new form of authentication. [Read More...](#)

Tug, The Busy Little Robot Nurse, Will See You Now

ROBOTS SEEM SO far away. We're so many years from Jetsons-esque machines that live among us and wash our dishes and fold our clothes. But they are emerging. [Read More...](#)

What's your citizen 'trust score'? China moves to rate its 1.3 billion citizens

Take George Orwell's "1984." Now sprinkle in that episode of "Black Mirror" where characters live in a world in which every aspect of their lives is dominated by ratings. An Ominous development.

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U.S. to Dominate Oil Markets After Biggest Boom in World History

The U.S. will be a dominant force in global oil and gas markets for many years to come as the shale boom becomes the biggest supply surge in history, the International Energy Agency predicted. Perhaps just as the oil market starts to falter from lack of demand? [Read More...](#)

An A.I. designed to guide humans through the end of life is already among us

A clinical study aims to find out if artificial intelligence is better suited to talk death with patients than doctors. [Read More...](#)

Wage growth mired near record lows despite minimum pay rise, Aussie dollar tumbles

Australian workers' wages remain resolutely stuck in the slow lane, despite end of year wage reviews and July's national minimum pay decision kicking in. [Read More...](#)

Power monitoring app set to cut electricity bills by 20 per cent

A new app that allows people to monitor their power consumption and pay their bills using a mobile phone-style plan is the "way of the future". [Read More...](#)

Scientists make first ever attempt at gene editing inside the body

New therapy will permanently alter DNA, with no way to alter mistakes editing may cause – but offers chance to tackle currently incurable metabolic diseases. [Read More...](#)

There's More Farmland in the World Than Was Previously Thought

There's more agricultural land in the world than previously thought, and India rather than the U.S. or China is now believed to have the biggest acreage of any country, according to new study aimed at improving food and water security. [Read More...](#)

House prices based on undersupply myth, ANU says

Australia does not have a housing shortage, with inner-city areas of Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane some of the nation's most oversupplied regions, according to new research from ANU. [Read More...](#)

No, you're not being paranoid. Sites really are watching your every move

If you have the uncomfortable sense someone is looking over your shoulder as you surf the Web, you're not being paranoid. A new study finds hundreds of sites—including microsoft.com, adobe.com, and godaddy.com—employ scripts that record visitors' keystrokes, mouse movements, and scrolling behavior in real time, even before the input is submitted or is later deleted. [Read More...](#)

SoftBank uses smart robots to tackle Japan's labor shortage

TOKYO -- With a growing economy and aging population, Japan is suffering from a worsening labor shortage. [Read More...](#)

China on Pace for Record Solar-Power Installations

China, the world's biggest carbon emitter, is poised to install a record amount of solar-power capacity this year, prompting researchers to boost forecasts as much as 80 percent.

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Could delivery robots solve Australia's logistics problem? (Spoiler: not yet)

Amazon's launch in Australia is likely to put fresh scrutiny on the speed of Australia Post's own deliveries. To that end, Australia Post is trialling the use of robots to deliver parcels more promptly. [Read More...](#)

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