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Welcome to the end of August 2017 Edition of What's Emerging

Paul is continuing to write his book on the future of driverless cars with Dr Chris Rice. Paul is also preparing for the opening keynote for the Techspo conference in Western Australia, working with a health provider on future strategy, and preparing for a future of tourism leadership program. We are also in the middle of preparations with a European company to bring a new software based foresight tool to Australia with several demos to customers in the next fortnight.. The system is still in Beta and will be trialled with some clients before a wider release. If you are interested in registering for a webinar look at the tool in late August/early September 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's has written a new bog post: An Initial Model for Autonomous Trucks in Australia?. Go to www.futuristpaul.com to read it.

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■ What's Emerging

How a Paraplegic User Commands This Exoskeleton: "Alexa, I'm Ready to Walk"

For a person who's been navigating the world in a wheelchair, it's a pretty powerful thing to be able to issue the commands: "Alexa, I'm ready to stand up," and "Alexa, I'm ready to walk."

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Two more solar farms in pipeline for New England and North West, as region emerges as renewable capital

THE New England and North West is fast becoming the renewable capital of NSW, with another two solar farms in the pipeline, representing a combined investment of almost \$300 million. Part of the ongoing good news story that is solar development [Read More...](#)

Meet the 'vegan mafia,' a secret group of investors betting on the future of food

The vegan mafia invests in companies that aim to take animals out of the supply chain. How soon they will be able to create a competitive product is debatable. [Read More...](#)

'Coal is dead' and oil faces 'peak demand,' says world's largest investment group

BlackRock investment group, with \$5 trillion in assets, is bullish on electric cars and renewables. When you see the big money makers shifting ground you know the trend is inevitable. [Read More...](#)

Edible crickets: WA farm gets green light to sell insects for food

Western Australia's first edible cricket farm has been given the green light to sell its product for human consumption. The future of agriculture? [Read More...](#)

Drones Are Transforming Infrastructure Design

It's increasingly common to hear the steady hum of a drone flying on a construction site. They're being used to share progress updates, manage earthworks, perform cut-and-fills and much more. Increasingly this is the killer application for drones. [Read More...](#)

Organic farming reaches record level in Germany

Increasing numbers of German farmers are relying on organic production, with 7.5 percent of all arable land now cultivated ecologically. The government has set its sights on an ambitious target of 20 percent. [Read More...](#)

Tech giant Infosys admits automation is dramatically reducing hiring needs

Despite many advocates for artificial intelligence and automation playing down the long-term risk to employment levels, Indian tech giant Infosys has revealed its early adoption of the technology has already dramatically reduced the numbers of people it is hiring. [Read More...](#)

Breaking the code: how women in Nigeria are changing the face of tech

Female developers are emerging as influential forces in the country's booming technology sector – but the stigma persists that computing is a 'male industry' [Read More...](#)

Identity Thieves Hijack Cellphone Accounts to Go After Virtual Currency

Hackers have discovered that one of the most central elements of online security — the mobile phone number — is also one of the easiest to steal. Then they can use two factor authentication to change all your passwords [Read More...](#)

How Fly Guts Are Helping Researchers Catalog the Rainforest

These tiny, buzzing lab assistants provide scientists with a treasure trove of conservation data

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Why solar towers and storage plants will reshape energy markets

The 150MW solar tower and molten salt storage plant to be built in Port Augusta has been made possible by a ground-breaking pricing and contract structure that could help completely reshape Australian power markets, including the end of "baseload" power as we know it.

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VW to revive '60s Microbus with new, all-electric van

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. -- Volkswagen has confirmed plans to build a production version of its all-electric ID Buzz van in 2022 for consumer and commercial applications. Looks pretty cool.

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Ships fooled in GPS spoofing attack suggest Russian cyberweapon

Reports of satellite navigation problems in the Black Sea suggest that Russia may be testing a new system for spoofing GPS, New Scientist has learned. This could be the first hint of a new form of electronic warfare available to everyone from rogue nation states to petty criminals.

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The next media revolution will come from driverless cars

Driverless cars are here to stay, whether they are Elon Musk's tenuously-funded Teslas or mainstream manufacturers' more staid visions. Paul: made exactly this point on media to a client retreat a couple of weeks ago.

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