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Welcome to the End of October 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, working on two new business investment proposals, and preparing a client day on the future of credit next month.

We hope that you continue to find the newsletter interesting.

Cheers,

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What are we writing about?

Paul has written a series of new posts that are emerging from his book writing with Chris Rice: [The Coming Bus Apocalypse](#) on the dangers of driverless vehicles to the bus industry (this is his most read post on Medium so far); [Driverless Buses: The Specific Medium Trip Proposition: Luxury and Space](#) on one area buses might be able to win; [A Dynamic Tax System for Driverless Vehicles — A Congestion Solver](#) on a way to deal with possible congestion issues; and [Driverless Vehicles — The A\\$91.7 Billion a Year Opportunity for Australia](#) on how transport as service can free up thousands of discretionary spending for every car owner in Australia. 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. 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. If you really want to get access to one of the stories and you are at your limit and do not want to join as a paying member at Medium then email us at info@emergentfutures.com and we can send you a copy.

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The Ultimate Workflow for Writers Obsessed with Quality

A seven-step process for producing quality writing, every time (plus the essential tools and software you need to make it happen) [Read More...](#)

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What I Learned From Reading Every Amazon Shareholders Letter

An interesting view of Amazon and its strategy and tactics over time. [Read More...](#)

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

[iOS Privacy: steal password - Easily get the user's Apple ID password, just by asking](#)

■ What's Emerging

World leaders rehearse for a pandemic that will come 'sooner than we expect'

The government ministers were facing a new infectious disease outbreak. The mysterious virus was sickening and killing people with alarming speed. [Read More...](#)

CRISPR Bacon: Chinese Scientists Create Genetically Modified Low-Fat Pigs

Here's something that may sound like a contradiction in terms: low-fat pigs. [Read More...](#)

Discovery of 50km cave raises hopes for human colonisation of moon

Scientists have fantasised for centuries about humans colonising the moon. That day may have drawn a little closer after Japan's space agency said it had discovered an enormous cave beneath the lunar surface that could be turned into an exploration base for astronauts.

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Do computers make better bank managers than humans?

You may have heard that algorithms will take over the world. But how are they operating right now? [Read More...](#)

Discrimination against older workers will cut economic growth and strain resources, institute warns

The nation is at risk of a pension crisis unless employers stop their "discrimination" against older workers, advocates for regional Australia have warned. [Read More...](#)

Nvidia's New Driverless-Car Computer Crunches 320 Trillion Operations a Second

That's enough to have a car drive fully autonomously, according to the chipmaker. The new device, announced by Nvidia founder and CEO Jensen Huang at an event today in Munich, is the latest generation of its DrivePX on-board car computers. That number is almost beyond comprehension [Read More...](#)

The UK's First 'Seabin' Can Collect Over 80,000 Plastic Bottles A Year From The Ocean

For the first time in history, a plastic-collecting 'seabin' has been installed in British waters to help fight the growing number of pollutants in our oceans - estimated to be around eight million metric tons from landfill every year. An Australian invention. [Read More...](#)

Blockchains: How They Work and Why They'll Change the World

Bitcoin was hatched as an act of defiance. Unleashed in the wake of the Great Recession, the cryptocurrency was touted by its early champions as an antidote to the inequities and corruption of the traditional financial system. [Read More...](#)

Dutch government: shut down all coal-fired power plants by 2030

AMSTERDAM (Reuters) - The incoming Dutch government plans to shut all coal-fired power plants by the year 2030, it said in its coalition pact published on Tuesday. Yet in Australia we are still talking about building new ones and financing new coal mines. [Read More...](#)

Smart crosswalk reacts to cars and pedestrians in real time

A slew of innovative solutions for roadways has emerged this past year, from solar panel-paved roads to an artificial intelligence-powered program that automatically monitors road conditions. [Read More...](#)

Isolation, low incomes and lack of services result in more deaths from heart disease in regional Australia

Australians in regional areas are 90 per cent more likely to die from heart disease than their city counterparts. A sad fact. [Read More...](#)

US startup releases lab-grown leather

New York-based startup has created a fashion brand dedicated to the world's first biofabricated leather. [Read More...](#)

People in Russia are renting out grounded private jets by the hour just to take Instagram photos

A two-hour photoshoot with your own personal photographer costs under \$250. Just how ridiculous can this stuff get? [Read More...](#)

Fully driverless cars could be months away

Real driverless cars could come to the Phoenix area this year, according to a Monday report from The Information's Amir Efrati. [Read More...](#)

China halts more than 150 coal-fired power plants

China is to stop or delay work on 151 planned and under-construction coal plants as Beijing struggles to respond to a flat-lining of demand for coal power. [Read More...](#)

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