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ARE THE ROBOTS COMING TO A WORKPLACE NEAR YOU?

“Exponential technologies - technologies that double in power or processing speed every year while their cost halves”

Thirty years ago, we watched Hollywood movies featuring futuristic robots taking over the world in amusement and wonder, writing it off as fantasy.

In 2017, the fantasy has come to life with more and more technologies changing the way we do things in our homes and workplaces.

Kaila Colbin from Silicon Valley’s Singularity University has spoken to CEOs around the globe but her message is not what you might think – the future doesn’t just offer challenges; it also offers unprecedented opportunity.

“Changes are coming and companies and Governments need to start now learning about new technologies and considering the opportunities they will create,” Ms Colbin, a native New Yorker, now transplanted to Christchurch NZ, says.

“Technologies from robotics to artificial intelligence to virtual reality are advancing exponentially. We are living in the most amazing time in human history, and the impact on the way we live and work will be dramatic.

“The main point of contention is not whether jobs will disappear – they will – but whether enough jobs will be created to take their place. That is why it is vitally important to plan now for what’s coming,” Colbin says.

Colbin predicts that by 2030, virtually all ground transport will be in self-driving cars, we will no longer be using smartphones as wearables and brain-computer interfaces will have taken over and AI and robotics will automate every predictable task – from factory work to turning your home heating system on and off.

So, are the robots coming? Well, yes, they are but it is a future to look forward to and embrace with preparation and knowledge.

Colbin will be in Australia in February 2018 to feature as part of the first Singularity University Summit in Sydney, a two-and-a-half day think-fest crammed with internationally-renowned speakers in every industry sector.

INTERVIEWS WITH KAILA COLBIN ARE AVAILABLE. FURTHER INFORMATION:

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