

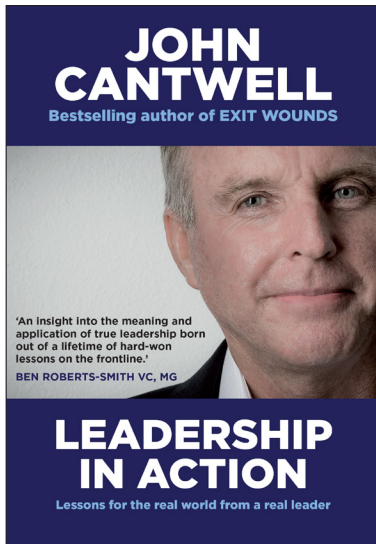
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In 2009 Cantwell was appointed chief of operations of the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority, a role in which he coordinated all efforts to recover from the deadly Black Saturday fires. Afterwards, the Premier of Victoria characterised Cantwell as 'a hands-on tireless leader and organiser with a remarkable ability to gain the respect and cooperation of disparate groups'. The Prime Minister described him as 'a leader possessing exceptional skills in coordination, guidance and organisation'. Since his retirement Cantwell has lectured on leadership and military affairs to a variety of defence, business and academic audiences.

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