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FIVE MINUTES WITH...

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- 1. What makes a good leader?** Good leaders set a clear direction and goals for the organisation and then develop and support their team to enable them to meet those goals. Leaders spend more time developing others than focusing on their own career, and recognise and reward the work of others in helping achieve goals.
- 2. Who inspires you and why?** Professor David Currow, my previous employer. He is a man of intelligence and humanity committed to making a difference in the world. That doesn't always make him popular, but he does not live to be popular; he lives to change cancer outcomes for all.
- 3. What has been the biggest challenge of your career?** In my previous role, I worked on a project to reduce the number of hospitals performing a complex operation because data shows that patients have better outcomes when treated in centres that undertake a greater number of these surgeries. This meant dealing with a lot of angry doctors who felt the change reflected badly on them when, in reality, these are system issues that need system solutions.
- 4. What is your favourite quote?** "Every system is perfectly designed to get the results it gets."
– Don Berwick, former CEO of the Institute for Health Improvement. What brings value for patients should be our central question.
- 5. When should you learn to compromise?**
Always. Every situation will have multiple perspectives, and yours is just one of them. Learning to listen to and understand the views of others can often surprise you.

The official date for Cancer Council Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is Thursday 25 May 2017. Fundraising morning teas can be hosted anytime in May or June. biggestmorningtea.com.au