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**Media Release**

**Professor Kerry Bone appointed national President of the *Health Australia Party***

We are delighted to announce that Professor Kerry Bone has agreed to accept the role as national President of the *Health Australia Party*.

Professor Bone is an internationally renowned herbal medicine practitioner, teacher, researcher and author.

He is the co-founder and innovation driver at *MediHerb*, where he serves as Director of Research and Development; He is Principal of the Australian College of Phytotherapy; He is Adjunct Professor at New York Chiropractic College, providing input into their postgraduate applied nutrition program; He founded the successful Masters of Health Science (Herbal Medicine) course at the University of New England in 2004, and served there as Associate Professor from 2004 to 2012.

Professor Bone is co-author of more than 30 scientific papers on herbal research, including original research and systematic reviews. He currently serves as the only Australian member of the editorial board of the journal *Phytomedicine*, the top herbal research journal in the world, and is also on the advisory board of the ABC.

He has also written or co-written six popular textbooks on herbal medicine, including his latest with Simon Mills, the long-awaited second edition of *Principles and Practice of Phytotherapy*, which was awarded the 2013 James A. Duke Excellence in Botanical Literature Award by the ABC. Other key texts include *The Essential Guide to Herbal Safety* (also awarded the James A Duke Award in 2006)*, A Clinical Guide to Blending Liquid Herbs* and *The Ultimate Herbal Compendium.* These texts are widely used at naturopathic and medical colleges throughout the world.

He still maintains a busy herbal and naturopathic practice in Toowoomba, Queensland, where he has been in continuous service for more than 30 years.

In 2015 his lifelong contribution to the field of herbal medicine was recognized with his receiving the prestigious Lady Cilento award from the complementary medicine industry in Australia.

**The Health Australia Party is honoured to have such a distinguished Australian as national President**

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