

Veterinarian tour has revealed the latest trace minerals research for optimal dairy cattle performance concludes in Tasmania

Stage one of Virbac Australia's multi-stop tour through Victoria and Tasmania has just wrapped up, and it's been heralded as a great success by attendees. Designed to explain the effects of trace minerals on dairy cattle health and performance, the roadshow is being headlined by international dairy veterinarian Dr Dan Tracy, along with a host of local industry experts. The first leg saw the team visit Scottsdale in Tasmania on Friday 14 June. Producers had the chance to learn more about the latest research on trace mineral science and the impact of trace mineral injections on cow and calf immune systems, with insights on how and why trace mineral injections can improve fertility and productivity. As Dr Tracy explains, "we already know a fair bit about trace minerals as they relate to fertility – but the really interesting stuff is looking specifically at immunity and the potential for overall improvements to animal health. The US is leading the research in this area, and it really is showing us what's achievable, with some intriguing potential solutions to help boost the overall health of dairy cows and calves." Livestock producer Tim Gunn from "Gunnston", Waterhouse attended the Scottsdale event, and described the event as a great opportunity to learn about improving the fertility and immunity of livestock. "The take home message for me was that injectable trace minerals are the building blocks for livestock production systems, and products such as Multimin are the most efficient way to deliver trace minerals to the animal. The application of Multimin at the right time will increase both fertility and the immunity of my livestock." Dr Tracy's presentation at the roadshow's event in Tinamba, Victoria was live-streamed on the Virbac Australia Primary Producer Facebook page, and is available to view here: [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#) Next up will be the second stage of Dr Tracy's visit, where the roadshow will tour Rochester, Numurkah, Cobram, Kirkstall, Simpson and Tyrendarra in Victoria between Monday 17 and Friday 21 June. Interested producers can contact their local Virbac Australia representative or local Virbac merchandise store for more information on how to attend these invitation-only events. For more information on Virbac Australia's injectable trace mineral Multimin, visit www.virbac.com.au/multimincattle Media Opportunity Virbac Australia welcomes the media to interview Dr Tracy during the second leg of his visit, as well as attend any of the local events. - Ends – Contact: Kate Munsie, C7EVEN Communications, 0421 935 843 Dr Dan Tracy: Dan Tracy DVM, MS received his DVM at Mississippi State University of Veterinary Medicine in 2001. In 2002 he received his MS degree in Dairy Production Medicine at Mississippi State. Upon completion of college, Dr Tracy worked as a large animal practitioner working with beef and dairy producers. His practice experience includes dairy and beef nutrition consultation, herd health and reproductive management. Virbac Australia: Virbac (Australia) Pty Ltd is a specialist animal health company, with its core business in sheep and cattle products, veterinary pharmaceuticals and vaccines, a wide range of petcare products for dogs and cats, plus a broad range of products for horses. Virbac Australia's 2015 sales turnover was more than A\$120 million. In Australia, Virbac employs around 260 personnel, all of whom are passionate about animal health. Virbac offers an injectable product called Multimin, designed to top-up important trace minerals (manganese, zinc, selenium and copper) in cattle. The focus of trace mineral supplementation has developed to beyond merely correcting deficiency symptoms. Strategic mineral supplementation is aimed at the optimisation of reproductive performance, immune function and growth, resulting in significant improvements in productivity and subsequently profitability. Photo captions: Dr Dan Tracy presenting during last week's roadshow event in Scottsdale Dr Paula Gonzalez, Dr Matt Ball, Matthew Grylls and Dr Dan Tracy

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