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Capturing the essence of rural Australia is an art which photographer/writer, Alice Mabin, managed to do in her first book "The Drover."

But her second book, "The Driver," will capture a different landscape – that of trucks and truck drivers!

While "The Drover" covered the epic droving journey by Tom Brinkworth of about 18,000 head of cattle along stock routes from western Queensland to central NSW, Alice's second book "The Driver" will highlight the importance of the transport industry through photograph and story.

"The Driver" will feature 110 businesses from Australia and New Zealand, all carting something different," Alice said.

Owners of C+C Trucking at Blyth, Cory and Cherie Stirling, have one of their trucks – loaded with donkeys – pictured in the book.

So is carting donkeys a regular thing for the business?

"We're more into general carting and mining related carting, with cattle about a third of our business, so this load of donkeys was a one-off," Cherie said.

The loaded truck, on its way from a station up north heading south to Two Wells, obviously caught Alice's eye, and she took the opportunity to snap some shots for her book.

Alice hopes the book, which has been more than 12 months in the making, will be out in July.

Check out her website [www.thedriverausnz.com](http://www.thedriverausnz.com).



The C+C Trucking rig loaded with donkeys was photographed by author Alice Mabin, right.

