



FEATURED BUSINESS: Alice Mabin travelled to Warwick to photograph and interview the workers at Fraser's Livestock Transport. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

# Photography book to feature local business

■ Sophie Lester

A TRUCK accident is the unlikely inspiration behind *The Driver*, the second book from New Zealand-born photographer Alice Mabin.

Featuring 110 transport companies, the self-published book gives an idea of the importance of the trucking industry.

"Generally there is a lack of understanding of how raw products get manufactured and how big of a role trucks play in that," Ms Mabin said.

"For example, 20 odd trucks are involved in carting the ingredients to make a bar of chocolate which most people don't think about."

Following the success of her first book, *The Drover*, the 29-year-old said she had been urged to release a

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— Alice Mabin

second, but had struggled to come up with ideas to match the scope of her debut.

It was after her accident she realised the scale of Australia's trucking industry, and decided to hit the road.

"I got on the road and drove up to Darwin and couldn't convince people to be a part of it. It actually took me until I got to Alice Springs to get anyone interested," she said.

"Truckies tend to get bad press so it took a bit of convincing people that I was serious about taking this on.



Alice Mabin

"The businesses in the book all cart something different but that doesn't mean it's just about these companies. It's about the whole industry."

Based in Toowoomba, the 29-year-old said she often travelled through the Southern Downs, and even featured Fraser's Livestock Transport in the new book.

"I'd worked on a few properties that used Fraser's and I had a friend



Fraser's Livestock Transport trucks in the company depot.

driving for them," she said. "Warwick (Fraser) signed off on it and I saw this cool photo with all the trucks lined up and the only time they could recreate it was Christmas Eve so I flew back up from Adelaide to photograph it.

"Where this photo was taken years ago, the trees in the background are now

fully grown and they had to move 37 trucks back so I could take the photo.

"Fraser's is a beautiful family business – you've got generations in the administration side of things but you've also got these families who have been using them forever and a lot of the drivers are generational too."

IN BRIEF

Drink drive charge

A 36-YEAR-OLD Warwick man has been given a notice to appear in Warwick Magistrates Court after being charged with driving with an illegal blood alcohol level. He was pulled over by police in Palmerin St at 1.30am yesterday and his blood alcohol reading was .085.

Five charged

FOUR women and one man were charged with public nuisance after a fight outside licensed premises at Goondiwindi at 11pm Saturday.

Assault in CBD

TWO men have been charged following an incident outside licensed premises at Stanthorpe at 1.45am yesterday. Men from Stanthorpe and Beerwah will face Stanthorpe Magistrates Court on August 24 with charges of assault, wilful damage and drug charges.

The Beerwah man suffered a cut to his arm when a window was broken at a hotel in the Stanthorpe CBD.

Warning to drivers

SERGEANT Shane Reid, of Warwick police, has warned drivers there will be continued driver testing for drugs. At the weekend, there were drivers charged with drink-driving and for have positive tests for illegal drugs.

"Police are continually seeing drivers with illegal drugs in their systems," he said. "As training for police officers to administer drug tests is continually rolled out, drug testing will continue. If drivers take illegal drugs and drive, sooner or later they will be detected."

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