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The Boyle's livestock transport carrying 56 head of cattle at rest beside Caramut Road.

A TRUCK driver had a narrow escape from serious injury or even death yesterday when his livestock transport overturned on a bend south of Woolsthorpe.

The Boyles Transport B-double truck was carrying livestock south towards Warrnambool when it rolled onto the driver's side along Caramut Road near the Koroit-Woolsthorpe Road intersection just after 3.45pm.

Fire brigades from Winslow and Woolsthorpe were called to the scene and Warrnambool police partially closed the road to traffic for most of the evening.

The 54-year-old south-west driver was taken to Warrnambool Base Hospital by ambulance. He is believed to have sustained minor injuries. Senior Constable Greg Kew said the driver was very lucky to have escaped serious injury.

He said the accident showed even experienced drivers needed to keep a close eye on the road.

"(The driver) covers the same roads day after day after day, so no one is immune to being caught up in an accident on our roads," Senior Constable Kew said.

The livestock truck was carrying 56 head of cattle and it was believed that more than six had to be put down after suffering serious injuries.

A heavy haulage truck was called from Castlemaine to remove the overturned transport from the roadside. It was expected the road would be reopened early this morning.