



Derek to muscle in for charity

AUSTRALIA'S strongest man is a step closer to snagging an elusive spot in the *Guinness Book of Records* after pulling a 17-tonne aircraft along the tarmac at Albury airport at the weekend.

Derek Boyer attached himself to the Regional Express Saab twin-engine aircraft and walked up the apron in 32-degree heat with ease.

Saturday's challenge was merely a training session for Mr Boyer, who will attempt to pull a 45-tonne road train at this weekend's Albury Airshow.

Mr Boyer said he would strap himself to the prime-mover and three carriages of the TNT road train and pull the vehicles 30m up the tarmac during the airshow — a challenge that has never been attempted.

Weighing 137kg, Mr Boyer is hoping to crush the record of 24.6 tonnes made by Canadian man Kevin Fast in 2001.

Mr Boyer will be attempting the world record as part of fund-raising efforts for the Salvation Army in Albury.

"I hope to raise a considerable amount of money and do something for people in the community and hope money can be allocated to emergency accommodation, food and also medicines," he said.

Businesses are being asked to contact the Albury City Council to pledge donations.

