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## TONY QUIRK UNE BUSINESS SCHOOL ACCOUNTING PROGRAM

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, Boyce Chartered Accountants, in conjunction with the University of New England (UNE) Business School, unveiled an exciting new program to provide Bachelor of Accounting students with a scholarship and a clearly defined career path with Australia's leading regional accounting firm.

The program is in memory of Tony Quirk, a former Boyce Director who studied at UNE prior to joining our Moree branch in 1991. Tony was appointed as a Director of the firm at age 27 - the youngest person ever to be elevated to this position. Tragically, Tony passed away in February 2005 at the age of 34.

The program will provide prospective and current UNE Business School students with work placements, financial support, and post-graduate career opportunities.

Boyce Managing Director Phil Alchin said the firm had a longstanding relationship with UNE and this new program would only strengthen that bond.

"It is important that accounting students understand the rewarding career opportunities on offer in regional Australia."

"At the end of the day, students will receive a defined career and study path under this program." Mr Alchin said.

Head of UNE Business School Professor Alison Sheridan said the program allows UNE students to put theory into practice from the first trimester of study and is in line with government's push for more workplace integrated learning experiences as well as promoting regional investment.

For further information on the program visit the Boyce Careers website at <a href="https://www.boycecareers.com">www.boycecareers.com</a> or speak with Boyce's HR Coordinator Tracey Somerville on 02 6971 0600.

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