

# University awards ex-student

THE awards keep coming for Ballina accounting firm Collins Hume with partner, Peter Fowler, being named Southern Cross University's School of Business and Tourism 2018 Alumnus of the Year.

The award, which adds to a number of gongs the firm has been awarded over the past few years, was presented at a gala event in Lismore on September 28.

Southern Cross University welcomed home more than 50 global change makers to the highly anticipated Alumni of the Year Awards.

Peter Fowler was recognised for the difference he makes to the Northern Rivers business community, providing astute commercial business advice together with innovation and growth initiatives that help the region's businesses to thrive.

Peter also spearheads a number of activities to fundraise and provide support to charity.

In his acceptance speech, Peter congratulated all finalists and thanked his wife, Jess, his parents and the teaching staff at SCU.

"At 25, I was fortunate enough to be invited to become a partner of Collins Hume, so when I returned to SCU about 10 years later to complete my MBA, not only was I working full-time, I was also a senior partner running a business and leading a team of nearly 30 people," he said.

"Everyone thought I was crazy and perhaps I was!"

Every year, Southern Cross University recognises the achievements of outstanding alumni through the Alumni of the Year Awards.

Recipients include leaders and innovators across a diverse range of disciplines.

Peter Fowler is now a specialist commercial adviser to business, for which has been awarded by the Australian accounting profession.



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