

O'Connell Avenue, but recently living in Dublin with his family, was killed when the mini-bus he was travelling in collided with a car.

He was one of a group of nine employees of Barry and Fitzwilliam wine importers, who were on the last day of a trip organised by a Spanish sherry and brandy firm.

David Rafferty from Cork, and David Berrie from Dublin, also died in the crash, as did the Spanish driver, Ramon Torro.

Mr O'Connor was married to Suzanne Treacy, whose family owned Halpin's Tea.

"He was captain of the Crescent College rugby team who were Munster Senior Cup finalists in 1965. In UCD, where he completed a B Comm, he was captain of the rugby team too. He also had a year with London Irish. He went on to have four caps with Munster in the early 1970s. Frank was a very talented rugby player. A lot of commentators thought he'd get an Irish cap, but he got a back injury when he was 26, and had to retire," his brother Joe recalled. He was also captain of Old Crescent in the mid-1970s.

Mr O'Connor was a former sales and marketing director at Gilbeys Ireland Ltd and worked with Boru Vodka Ltd, part of the Barry and Fitzwilliam Group.

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It is estimated the plan could create up to 8,000 jobs in the city, and a €1bn investment.

The Riverside City plan aims to give the River Shannon centre stage in future development.

It is a vision which is to develop a number of projects along the riverfront, including the docklands, quaysides in the city centre, medieval Limerick on King's Island, and the Park Canal project leading to the University of Limerick.

"With this ambitious new Riverside City Project, Limerick City is reclaiming its historic links with the mighty Shannon River," says Mr Cox. "A major new development zone for the city will be created focused on developing the riverside and canal edges, with the objective of projecting Limerick as a high-quality environment for living, working, learning and leisure.

Included in the vision devised by Shannon Development is a new International Services Centre for the Docklands, a medical park, a tourism campus, and Arts and Performance Centre for the quayside and a ten-fold increase in pleasure boats visiting the city within 10 years.

The International Services Centre is to incorporate private companies, IT and banking similar to Dublin.



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UL graduates are top of the jobs league

GRADUATES from the University of Limerick still top the Irish league when it comes to getting jobs and the best pay.

And, the latest statistics from the 1,200 who graduated last year shows that 70 per cent have already got jobs.

This compares with an average of 49 per cent for the other third level institutions.

About 60 of the graduates are employed in Ireland, with 18 per cent working abroad.

The survey carried out by the Higher Education Authority, also shows that 20 per cent of 1992 graduates at UL are now completing further study.

At the time of the survey, 10 per cent of the graduates were looking for work.

One of the more heartening figures is that emigration of graduates has stayed at 18 per cent, the same as 1991, and 11 per cent lower than the figure of five years ago.

Half of the UL graduates are working in industry, 36 in commerce and a total of 14 per cent in both the public sector and the professions.

Not surprisingly, the electronics industry accounted for 26 per cent of jobs of University graduates.

The importance of the financial / computer services continues to grow with 24 per cent of graduates employed in this area.

Salaries of Limerick graduates are still slightly higher than the national

average.

Sixty-six per cent have salaries over €11,000 while 36 per cent earn more than €13,000.

Boyd's to re-open but only for three days

ONE of Limerick's best-known institutions, Boyd's, will officially close this Saturday, with uncertainty as to what the future holds for the William Street premises.

The company, through PR consultant Tim O'Brien, have confirmed that they are "sounding the market" for a buyer for the building, and also attempting to identify alternative viable businesses for the premises, which was refurbished at a cost of over €1m.

Although the store closes on Saturday, it will re-open for three days on Thursday April 15 for a closing down sale.

Boyd's first opened in Limerick in 1848 and the Holliday family have been associated with the premises since 1875.

However, significantly, Chris Holliday recently left the business to open his own shop in Ellen Street.

Shareholders of Boyd's include Solton Ltd. It is known that Shaws department store chain have an interest in the Solton company.

A number of outside interests have taken space in Boyd's store but it is understood that no leases have been signed so the premises should become free following the closing down sale.

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FF start comeback drive in the east

THE FIRST moves in revitalising Fianna Fail in Limerick East have been made, with general secretary Mr Frank Wall meeting local party leaders.

He will be back again for a series of meetings in the coming weeks, which look certain to culminate in numerous changes in the organisation.

And amid all the re-organisation Fianna Fail bosses have the added worry of a threatened court action by a local company who claim to be owed over €20,000 by the organisation in east Limerick, which is over €30,000 in the red. The claim concerns alleged expenditure at the last general election.

Mr Tony Bromell, constituency PRO, said of the restructuring: "What we want to make sure is that there is no confrontation with the people and full consultation."

While all AGMs of the party remain suspended, ordinary meetings can be held.

Mr Wall has of the Limerick Dail Cheantair.

In the coming week he will meet with the Cappamore and Cheantair in the problems.

"The feeling is that the executive is to be revitalised after a failure to get last time round in the circumstances time ever - no Dail," said Mr Wall.

He added that he will get every constituency to be ready and election. Also on the nation which was €2.

Mr Bromell said Ministers may give advice and give advice to sort out the party.

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