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## HERITAGE

# Shannon Rowing Club archives preserved for future generations

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SHANNON Rowing Club is donating its archive to Limerick Museum and Archives for the preservation and conservation of the history of the club.

The club based in the heart of Limerick city on Sarsfield Bridge has been celebrating its 150-year history throughout 2016 with a series of events taking place.

The president Dorothy Quinn for the sesquicentennial proposed that the club's archive be donated to the people of Limerick so it could be preserved for future generations.

Among the items being donated includes meeting and minutes records, finance matters and other documents, which chronicle the history of the club since its foundation in 1866. The documents give an insight into the inner workings of the rowing club, whose clubhouse is one of the most recognisable buildings in Limerick, located proudly and majestically on Sarsfield Bridge in the heart of the city centre.

"The collection is a valuable piece of social and sporting history of Limerick. The meeting books and other documents will unveil a fascinating insight into Shannon Rowing Club, its history and how it did business," Limerick Museum and Archives scholar William O'Neill commented.

"The donation means the collection can be cared for correctly and preserved for future generations by Limerick Archives. Once catalogued, the collection can be viewed by members of the public by appointment," he added.



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## SECURITY

## Limerick man is reappointed to GSOC

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GARDA Síochána Ombudsman Commissioner Kieran Fitzgerald, who was seriously injured in a fall on a sailing trip in Spain last summer is to be reappointed for another five year term.

The former RTE broadcaster and producer, who is originally from Glin, County Limerick, has been using a wheelchair during his recovery at the National Rehabilitation Centre.

His reappointment has been recommended by the Oireachtas and it is expected that Mr Fitzgerald will be officially appointed by the President ahead of his return to work when he is discharged from the Rehabilitation Centre in Dún Laoigharie in the New Year.

Mr Fitzgerald, who was news and current affairs journalist of the year in 1999, had sailed with friends from Dublin to Northern Spain last June when he was to meet up with his wife, Evelyn.

The father of one fell off a wall on to rocks and sustained serious spinal injuries before he was hospitalised and placed in an induced coma with his wife and son Patrick by his bedside.

He was transferred by air ambulance to the Rehabilitation Centre in early July and has been making a steady recovery since then.

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