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just over a year ago, through Rooney's auctioneers in the city, and again has failed to attract a buyer after another €100,000 was shaved off its price.

In its heyday, the haunt was visited by the likes of Johnny Depp, Kiefer Sutherland, Phil Coulter, Richard Harris, Russell Crowe, Oliver Reed, Richard Branson, amongst many others.

The landmark property encompassing parts of 102 and 103 O'Connell Street, spans to 7,236 square feet overall.

However, another prominent Limerick city centre property did fetch its reserve.

The site of the former ACC bank at 17/19 Patrick Street, had a reserve of €695,000 to €755,000, and sold prior to the auction.

Any new occupiers will be a welcome addition to Patrick Street, where the much lauded Opera Centre site has so far failed to take shape.

This premises on Patrick Street has a total floor area is 11,885 sq ft. The corner office building is arranged over basement, ground, and four upper floors.

Fears over job cuts

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panies within J&J is available to all workers – and encouraged.

The spokesperson added contractors "come and go" from the facility, but these are not permanent Ethicon staff.

Ethicon Biosurgery only unveiled plans to invest in Limerick in April 2014, with a new 60,000 square foot facility being built to manufacture a product which aids the stopping of bleeding during surgery.

The company said at the time the project would create 270 permanent jobs, and 150 tem-

anticipated an announcement on the company was due in early April.

Limerick Chamber chief executive Dr James Ring expressed sadness at the potential job cuts, saying: "There was great hope around it, but unfortunately not every company can be successful. I want to make it clear the Chamber is here to help the Ethicon staff explore new opportunities through upskilling, and training, and pointing them in the right direction".

When Ethicon announced its investment in the city in 2014, Dan Wildman, its worldwide

Paintings by the late Jack Donovan to go on display

Portraits of 1916 leaders restored

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A SUITE of paintings of some of the 1916 leaders by the late artist Jack Donovan is in the process of being restored and will go on display in his native Rathkeale next month.

The paintings, which were made between 1969 and 1982, have been hanging in the officers mess of Sarsfield barracks for over 30 years.

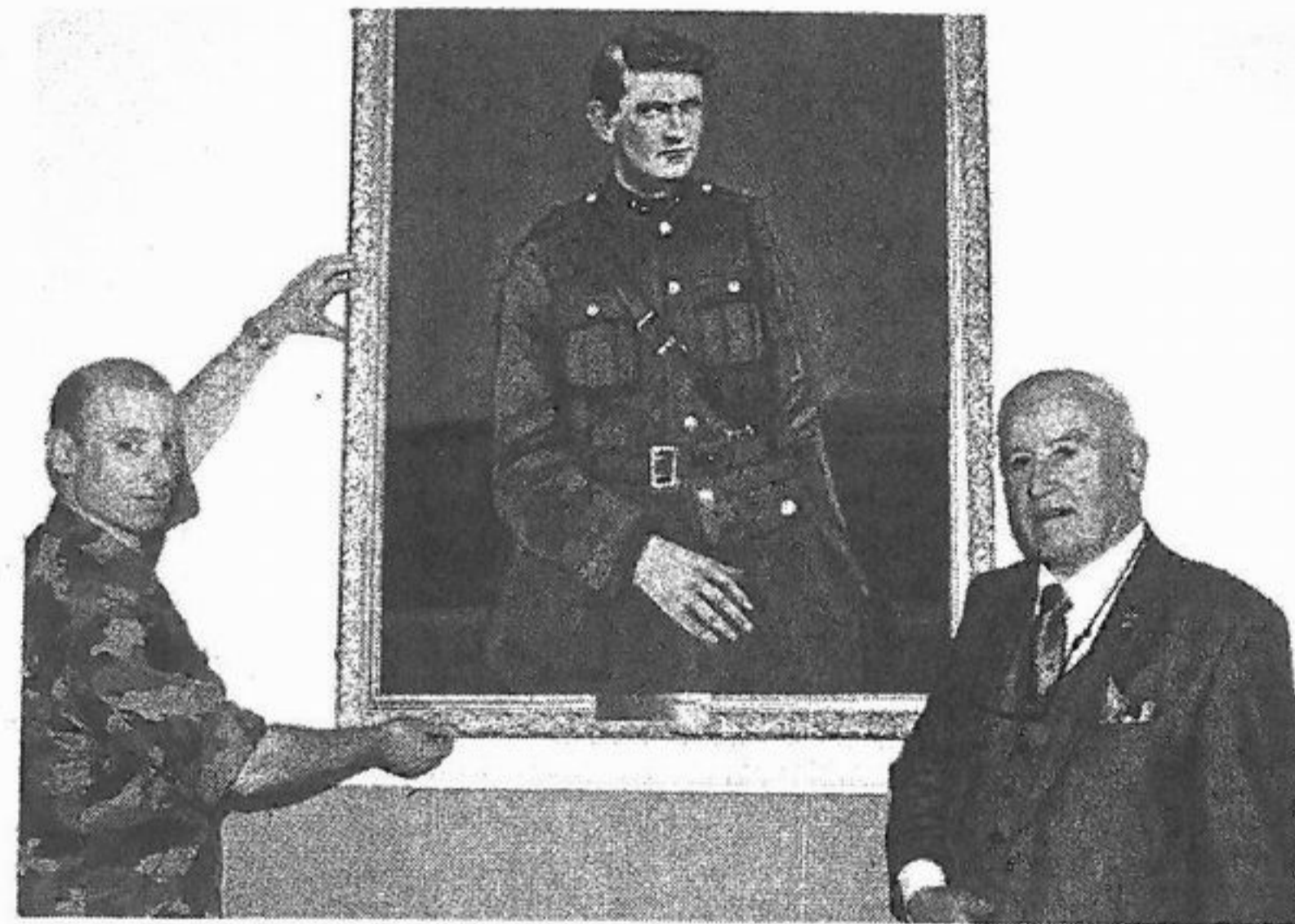
The collection includes portraits of Limerick men Sean Wall from Bruff, Sean Finn from Rathkeale, Con Colbert from Monagea, Edward Daly from O'Curry Street in Limerick City, Captain Timothy Madigan, Shanagolden and Liam Lynch. Also included in the collection are portraits of Patrick Sarsfield, Michael Collins and a self portrait of the artist himself.

In 1969, Capt Michael Madden who was a senior officer in Sarsfield Barracks commissioned Jack Donovan – then head of the Limerick School of Art and Design – to paint the portrait of Sarsfield. The portraits of the 1916 leaders followed over the next 13 years.

The idea, according to Jack's brother Tim Donovan, was that the 1916 leaders portrayed were the "natural successors" of Sarsfield as the legitimate representatives of the new republic.

To mark the centenary of the 1916 rising, a local committee which includes Tim Donovan as well as local historians John Cussen and Tom Toomey, undertook to get them cleaned and restored and mounted in an exhibition in Rathkeale.

"We did fundraising in Rathkeale, we got them all cleaned and I decided that this was the year they should ideally be displayed in the arts centre," Tim explained



This portrait of Michael Collins by the late Jack Donovan is one of the paintings that will go on display in Rathkeale PICTURE: ADRIAN BUTLER

Having hung in an unheated mess hall for so long, it was not surprising that some of the paintings had deteriorated, with mould and other damage evident on a number of them.

The committee commissioned Randall Hodkinson, the Limerick-based ecclesiastical decorator, to carry out restoration works on the paintings and the frames. That work is currently ongoing and is due to be completed in time for the launch of the exhibition.

Jack Donovan, who died in June 2014, is regarded as a pivotal figure in the development of Irish art. As well as being a highly respected painter in his own right, he was credited with inspiring the next generation of Irish artists, such as John Shinnors, Brian MacMahon and Henry Morgan.

In 2004 the Limerick City Art Gallery held a large retrospective of his work, which is currently held in the collections of the Arts Council of Ireland, Arts Council of Great Britain, Swedish Academy of Visual Art, CIE, Limerick City Gallery of Art and the National Self-Portrait Collection.

"Jack would have had his own views," Tim said of his brother's views of the Rising.

"Jack would have been more of a pacifist, I would say, but very much interested in history."

The exhibition will be launched in the arts centre in Rathkeale on April 29. Afterwards, the paintings, along with Sean Finn's uniform, will remain in display in the centre for a month before being returned to Sarsfield Barracks.

N18 gridlock chaos

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rush-hour, many motorists took to social media to vent their frustrations while one caller to the Limerick Today programme on Live 95FM warned that many people would be late for work as a result of the gridlock.

"People would be better off staying at home and having an extra cup of tea," he said.

The inbound lane of the Limerick – Shannon dual carriageway was closed entirely for around 30 minutes while the hard shoulder and one of the two lanes remained closed for a further two hours.

Several units of the fire

service from Limerick and Clare attended the collisions as did gardai and ambulance personnel.

It is understood that three people were taken to University Hospital Limerick following the collisions, but that none of them sustained life-threatening injuries.

This Wednesday's collisions were not the only ones to cause traffic chaos this week.

On Tuesday, a section of the M7 northbound lane was closed for over an hour following an accident between Junction 28 (Castletroy) and Junction 27 (Birdhill).

There were no reports of any serious injuries.

Industrial action

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pointing that overcrowding seems to be escalating on site", and "overcrowding has spiralled out of control" since January last.

"The fact there were 26 patients awaiting beds in the Emergency Department and 24 patients on trolleys in corridors around the hospital is of serious concern to our members" he said, "Many of these patients are frail, elderly and very sick, and the way they are

being treated in the health system is an affront to their dignity."

Mr Kenny claimed that despite attempts by Siptu to engage with management at UHL, they have chosen not to meet with the union.

He said the union is calling on hospital management to engage with the union, and "work proactively with us to reduce and ultimately eliminate the ongoing issue of overcrowding that exists on site."

"This cannot continue," Mr Kenny concluded.

Principal in bid to block investigation

THE high profile principal had been suspended on of Coláiste Chiaráin in pay from his job as a result

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