



11 October 2019

Breandán Ó Caollaí
Ambassador
Embassy of Ireland
20 Arkana Street
Yarralumla ACT 2600

Thank for Mr Ambassador for your recent letter informing the Celtic Club that we have been successful in securing a grant under the Emigrant Support Programme to restore the Club's founders picture and create a digital copy and print.

The project will restore the Club's foundation picture of 1887 and also make a duplicate copy of it. This magnificent and invaluable collage painting is a historical document featuring the Club's initial purpose in supporting Home Rule, showing who were our founding fathers and early presidents including such notable characters as Dr. Michael O'Sullivan and Morgan Jaguers. Various iconic Irish and Australian emblems are included in the picture.

The picture requires a degree of restoration as well as a protective glass cover. The delicate and damaged frame needs major restoration. To safeguard against any future damage/deterioration a digital copy will be made of the restored painting and it will also be framed.

The project will preserve one of the Club's most historical artefacts which through the generations was and will be treasured by its members, visitors and friends that visit the Club and will strengthen the links between Ireland and the Australian Irish.

Under the grant the Club will pay half of the costs of the project.

Please pass our thanks to The Minister of State for the Diaspora and International Development, Mr Ciaran Cannon T.D., and the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr Simon Coveney T.D., for approving this grant.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Brian Shanahan'.

Brian Shanahan OAM
President