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† 214742 Bombardier Brian James 'Snowy' Selby (1945-2022)

In the Heysen Chapel at Centennial Park in Adelaide on Friday 29 April we farewelled our late President Brian Selby – known widely as 'Snowy' and by his email name and former army callsign, "One One Echo". Our Branch Padre Major Quentin Castle officiated.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Denny AM BM (ret'd) gave a Eulogy on Brian's military service and his service with ESOs generally. Paul Rosenzweig spoke on Brian's involvement with the NMBVAA, locally and overseas. Don Cameron recited "The Ode of Remembrance", which was followed by the Last Post, a Minute's silence and Reveille. Don then invited veterans and Defence members forward to lay a poppy.

Lest we Forget





NOTICES

VALE

Brian Selby

NEW MEMBERS

Mal White

COMMITTEE

Don Cameron
Interim President
Ceremonial Officer

Paul Rosenzweig OAM
Public Affairs Officer

Jenny Cameron
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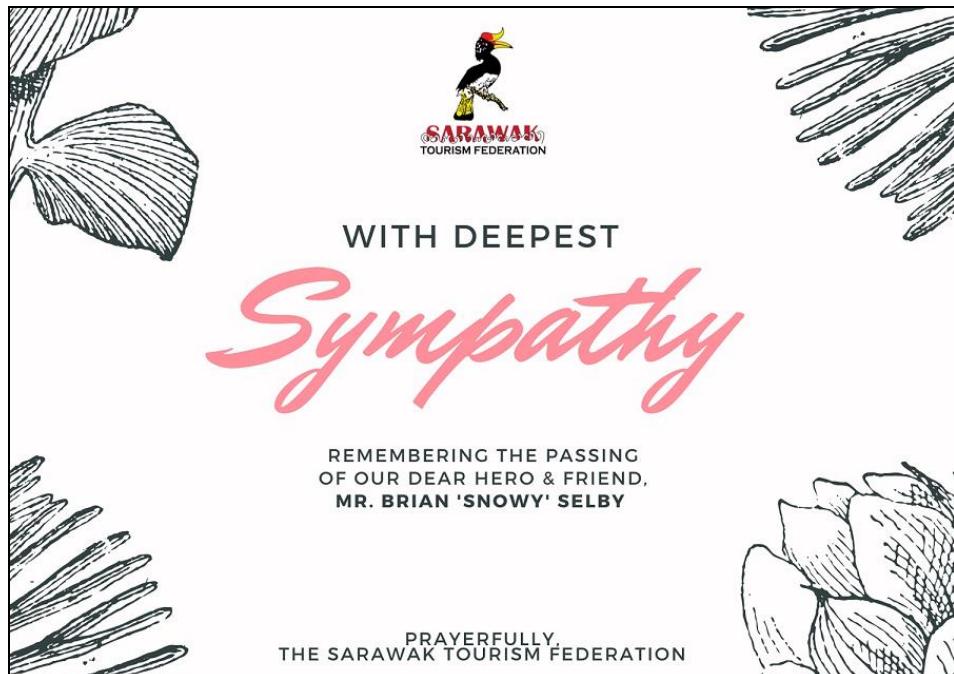
Beverley Dubois

Chris Selby

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions
(as of 1 January 2022)
are now due

*Please refer
to the Insert*



Sarawak Tourism Federation

We sincerely thank our colleagues at the Sarawak Tourism Federation in Kuching, Malaysia for sending us this tribute in honour of our late President Brian Selby.

Brian arranged three reunion visits to Kuching, with the first in 2014. Then, on 29 August 2016 we conducted a combined service of commemoration with our Malaysian and New Zealand colleagues in the Sarawak Heroes Memorial Park. At that time, we unveiled a memorial plaque honouring the Australians who died during Confrontation.

A second ceremony was held in the Sarawak Heroes Memorial Park on 27 August 2019, and our amended and upgraded plaque was re-dedicated.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Datuk Philip Ting AM: Reunion at 1000h 7 May, followed by lunch

Next general meeting: 1100h Friday 20 May 2022

Venue: Avoca Hotel

Lunch: Stay for lunch, or come and join us at 1200h

Date of interest: End of the Malayan Emergency, 12 July (1960)

Our Malaya-Borneo Veterans Day service will be held at 1000h on Friday 26 August in the West Torrens Memorial Gardens (details to follow)



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MALAYA AND BORNEO VETERANS

The SA & NT Branch of the NMBVAA again honoured those who served and died on active service overseas during the two undeclared wars which followed World War 2 – the Malayan Emergency 1948-62 and the Indonesian Confrontation with Malaysia 1962-66.

We particularly honoured the fifty Australian fallen from the Malayan wars who remain buried overseas in the soil of our neighbours – and we continue to acknowledge Malaysia and Singapore for looking after our Anzacs.



SA/NT BRANCH MEMORIAL

Before the March, Don Cameron, Paul Rosenzweig and other Branch members visited our memorial on the Adelaide Rifles Walkway (Pathway of Honour), on the northern boundary of the grounds of Government House. This memorial was jointly funded by the SA/NT Branch together with DVA and the Adelaide City Council, and was unveiled on 10 August 2003.

They placed poppies in memory of Brian Selby. We then gave an 'Eyes Right' as the contingent passed the Pathway of Honour where our memorial is located.



ANZAC DAY 2022

We are pleased that the Adelaide Anzac Day Committee was able to plan a return to the standard format for the Anzac Eve Youth Vigil, Dawn Service, March and Cross of Sacrifice service.

The Adelaide Anzac March – the prime event in South Australia – is a solemn commemoration of the sacrifice of the nearly 103,000 Australian Service personnel who have lost their lives in the service of the nation.



OUR VOLUNTEERS

This year the SA/NT Branch formed up with Group 3 on the northern side of North Terrace in front of the Art Gallery. The contingent commander was our Interim President Mr Don Cameron.

Our flag bearers were Anthony Cameron (Australian National Flag), Nathan Price (Malaysian National Flag) and Vicki Crannaford (Sarawak Flag).

The NMBVAA Banner bearers were Ben Ortmann and Matt Kuna. Thanks to all for your support.



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