

### Thank You!

THANK YOU, NIGERIAN COMMUNITY IN VICTORIA! Celebrating Nigeria's 65<sup>th</sup> Independence Day - October 5th, 2025

What a night to remember! On October 5th, 2025, our community came together in unity, pride, and joy at St Kilda Town Hall to celebrate Nigeria's 65th Independence Day. The success of this event belongs to you our amazing community! From our elders to our youth, performers, families, guests, vendors, and volunteers, you filled the hall with warmth, laughter, and dazzling colours in our Nigerian heritage.

Highlights & Appreciation A heartfelt thank you to our Keynote Speaker, **Dr. Remi Yusuf**, for her inspiring words, reminding us of our strength and shared responsibility as Nigerians in the diaspora.

Our brilliant MCs, **Mr. Fred Alale AM** and **Ms. Emma Amos**, kept the evening flowing with grace and energy, while our DJ kept the dance floor alive till the very end.

Honoured Guests, Community Leaders & Partners We were delighted to host community leaders, including Mr. Elvis Nwachukwu, Dr. Goma Tanko, Mr. Charles Oguntade (represented by Ms. Shola Akinola and Mr. Yemi Sijuade), Mr. Williams Akengbowa, Mr. Nuradin Omar, Chief Executive Officer of MasterRemit, and Mr. Yemi Sijuade, Chief Executive Officer of Tayrex both of whom we also acknowledge and thank as valued sponsors and partners of this event.

We further acknowledge the presence of Mrs. Abiola Akinbiyi, Chair of the Ethnic Communities Council Victoria; Mr. Nick Edrington, representing the Victorian Small Business Commission; Ms. Elizabeth Fincham, Ambulance Victoria; and Dr. Jen Martin, Chief Environmental Scientist Victoria.

Special thanks to our former NSV Presidents **Dr. Razaq Balogun**, **Barrister Ikenna Nwokolo**, **Mr. Fred Alale AM**, **Dr. Remi Yusuf**, and **Dr. Moses Adepoju** for their continued support.

And to the **NSV Vice President**, who introduced the Women Group, thank you for championing women's voices in our community.



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- Food, Fashion & Fun From jollof rice to pounded yam/amala and puffpuff, our caterers brought the taste of home to Victoria. Everyone who dressed to impress added colour, beauty, and elegance to the night.
- FOUR Sponsors & Supporters We extend our deepest gratitude to our sponsors: Victorian Government, MasterRemit, Tayrex, Megalines Insurance, PREO Global, Emete, Nula Foods, Dodokiri, Prof. Jude Ediae, DJ Gly, and Emmanuel for the 360° photos, the City of Port Phillip, and to our supporters Ambulance Victoria, Business Victoria, Victoria Police, and the International Women's Peace Group. Your partnership enables us to serve our community and celebrate our diversity with pride.
- Features & Highlights A special thanks to MasterRemit for sponsoring the Independence Day Raffle Draw, which brought extra excitement to the evening. Congratulations to our three lucky winners Gold, Silver, and Bronze and thank you to everyone who participated! We also acknowledge Mr. Emete for generously donating a television set for the Emete TV Auction, which added extra excitement to the night. Congratulations to the winner of the TV auction, and thank you, Mr. Emete, for your thoughtful contribution and community spirit!
- Performers, Vendors & Volunteers Thank you to Edo Club, King Elaw, Alariya, DJ Kenny, vendors, and volunteers for bringing rhythm, culture, and life to the celebration.
- NSV Executive & Planning CommitteeNSV Executives: Benjamin Edokpolo (President), Love Alabi (Vice President), Peter Eze (Secretary), Imabong Idowu (Asst. Secretary), Funke Olayiwola (Welfare Secretary), Olalekan Olatunbosun (Treasurer), Terver Akaaga (Financial Secretary), Temidara Sogunle (Public Relations Officer), Osas Ilerhunmwunwa (Youth Secretary), and Damilola Oni (Social Secretary).

**NSV Planning Committee:** Juwon Fayomi (Chair), Ayodele J. Ogujobi, Mercy Oluwanifesimi Awojobi, Titilayo Adetunji, Toyin Coker, Chinonye Maduka, Hamzat Yusuf, Alaka Timilehin, and Oluwayomi Alaka-Akinloye.

Your collective effort delivered a memorable celebration of unity, culture, and excellence.

Event Photos Available Here: <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1FJGVWxcpNbvKrlMCB8uPMkJ7Y6f2">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1FJGVWxcpNbvKrlMCB8uPMkJ7Y6f2</a> <a href="jBc4?usp=sharing-eip-se-dm&ts=68eb1206">jBc4?usp=sharing-eip-se-dm&ts=68eb1206</a>



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### Announcement!

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### HIGH COMMISSION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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Date: 21st October, 2025

#### GENERAL PUBLIC

#### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

Following the migration of passport process from A-series to B-series platform and the commissioning of the Centralized Passport Production Centre in Abuja by the Honorable Minister of Interior, Hon. (Dr.) Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo, the Nigeria High Commission, Canberra wishes to inform all Nigerian Communities in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands that passport production has been moved to Abuja.

- 2. In this regard, applicants are expected to book appointments online and visit the High Commission with a copy of their appointment slip as the process will not capture applicants without having booked an appointment. In booking appointments, applicants should have the following in mind.
  - Do not pick appointments online on dates that are public holidays in either Nigeria or Australia.
  - Appointment dates should fall within Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as those days are consular days.
- However, the Mission is working tirelessly to ensure that all backlog applications are produced as soon as possible.
- 4. While we appreciate your patience during this migration, please accept the Ag. Commissioner's highest regard.



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First Secretary / Head of Chancery

For: Ag. High Commissioner





# Upcoming events







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**BUSINESS** 



# Upcoming Events

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**NSV Executives Are Coming to You!** 

#### We're Bringing the Party to Your Region – One Stop at a Time!

Get ready, Victoria! The Nigerian Society of Victoria (NSV) Executives are hitting the road, and we're coming to your region! In our continued efforts to stay connected, build stronger relationships, and celebrate our community across the state, the NSV leadership team is embarking on a regional engagement tour. This exciting initiative is all about bringing the party to you — with laughter, food, culture, and heartfelt conversations.

We understand that not everyone can make it to our events in the city, so we're turning the tables and coming to your backyard.

Whether you're in the east, west, north, or south — we're showing up to meet you, listen to you, and celebrate with you.

#### **Expect:**

- Community bonding
- Cultural displays
- Proper forums with the NSV Executives
- Food, fun, and fellowship for the whole family

This is more than a visit — it's a movement. Let's make each stop memorable and unite our people like never before. Together, we are stronger. Together, we are NSV.

Stay tuned for dates and locations – the party might just be in your area next!



### Get Involved

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Interested in joining a Committee, being a Regional Rep, Sponsorship, **Passport** Intervention? send your expression of interest to

secretary@nigeriansocietyvic.org.au



#### **Personal Development Corner**



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Free Interviewing Skills Tutorial - The Complete Job Interview Skills Masterclass Course

Interviewing Skills To Land Your Next Job - Never Be Nervous Again - Lets Hack Your Interview - Prepare for Any Question - Free Course



Free Career Development Tutorial - Women's Leadership Masterclass

Based on the best seller "How Women Rise: Break the Habits Holding Your Career Back" - Free Course

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."

- Winston Churchill





### Partner With Us

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### Advertise your With us

Whatever your business is, whether it's in finance, entertainment, NDIS, catering, food services, healthcare, or any other sector—NSV Advertising has the perfect solution for you.

#### Basic Plan - \$200

- Newsletter Banner Ad: (Quater Page ad placement for 1 month)
- 1 Social Media Post (image or video)

#### Standard Plan - \$300

- Newsletter Banner Ad: (Half page ad placement over 2 months)
- 2 Social Media Posts (image or video) over 2 months

#### Premium Plan - \$500

- Newsletter Banner Ad (Full page ad placement for over 3 months)
- 3 Social Media Posts (image, video) 2 Story Features (24 hours highlights on
- Instagram or Facebook)



If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, together."



**Nigerian Society of** Victoria Inc

# Unlock

Pay your dues today & become a financial NSV member

#### Dear Community,

We invite you to strengthen our collective voice by becoming a financial NSV member.

Your membership dues contribute to the growth and success of our community. Together, we can achieve greater impact and unity!

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### Information:

#### **Annual Dues:**

\$40/Single \$75/Family

#### **Payment Options:**

**Bank Transfer:** 

BSB: 193-879

**Account No.:** 

464058534

(please always include reference information: Membership dues+ your surname & initials)

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https://www.nigeriansociet yvic.org.au/plans-pricing.