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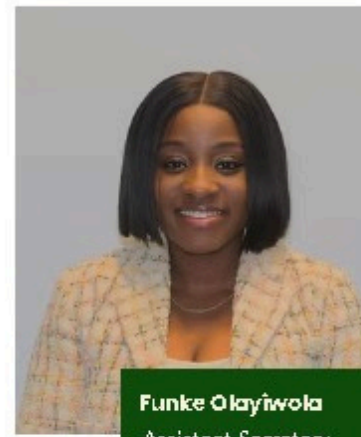
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President



Ifeoluwa (Love) Alabi
Vice - President



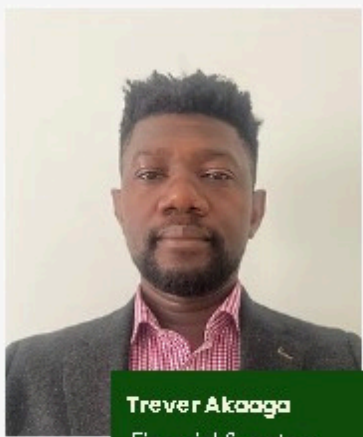
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Secretary



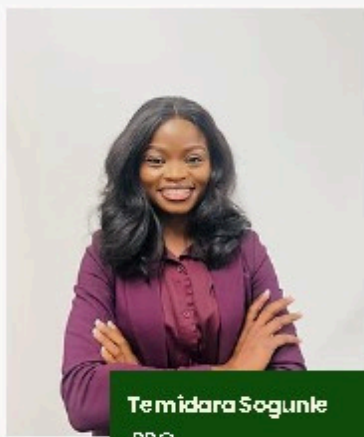
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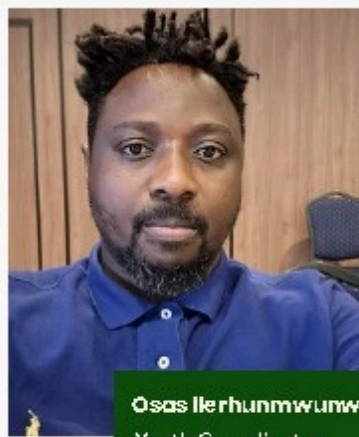
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Treasurer



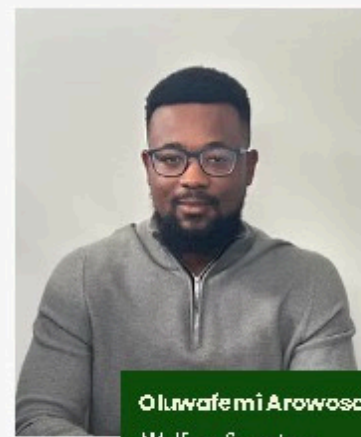
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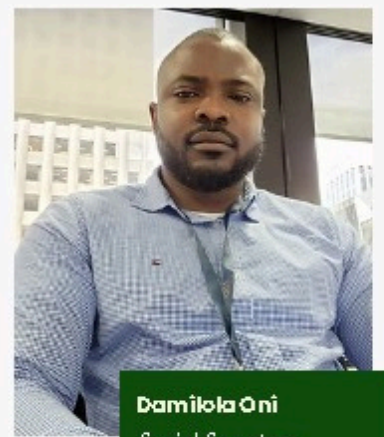
Temidara Sogunle
PRO



Osas Ilerhunmwunwa
Youth Coordinator



Oluwafemi Arowosafe
Welfare Secretary



Damilola Oni
Social Secretary

Message from the Executives

We are delighted to introduce our new executive team, having met all requirements following the election on 1 December 2024.

Together, we aim to promote unity, growth, and progress within our community.

President: Benjamin Edokpolo

Vice President: Love Alabi

Secretary: Peter Eze

Public Relations Officer: Temidara Sogunle

Social Secretary: Damilola Oni

Assistant Secretary: Funke Olayiwola

Treasurer: Dozie Ezigbalike

Financial Secretary: Terver Akaaga

Youth Secretary: Osas Ilerhunmwunwa

Welfare Secretary: Femi Arowosafe

Representative Committee Member (Western Metro): Olalekan Olanrewaju

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to an exciting year ahead with you!



Happy New Year from the Nigerian Society of Victoria (NSV)! May 2025 bring you joy, success, and unity. Let's continue building a stronger, vibrant community together!



PROGRAMS FOR 2025

- Inter regional sporting event March
- Monthly webinars featuring different guest speakers and topics of interest. May
- Welcome to Victoria new Nigeria Migrants July
- Independence Day celebration - Carnival style October
- End of Year Event/Awards December

Stay tuned—many more exciting programs are on the way!



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The month in review

Congratulations to the High Commissioner



Amb. Dr Jane Bassesey Adams

visited by the Nigerian Scholars in Australia (NISA)



It is with heavy hearts that we share the tragic loss of Christopher Chinazom, a Nigerian who had recently moved to Australia. His body was found on Friday evening, washed ashore at Mornington Peninsula.

R.I.P CHRISTOPHER CHINAZOM ONUORAH

special thank you to his friends, Victor Ikeh, Emmanuel Ado, Oscar Nwonu, Emmanuel Peter, Titilope Bakare



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Socials



NIGERIAN SOCIETY OF
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PRESENTS

INTER REGIONAL SPORTING EVENT

RED HOUSE

ALL SUBURBS IN NORTHERN VICTORIA

BLUE HOUSE

ALL SUBURBS IN SOUTHERN VICTORIA

YELLOW HOUSE

ALL SUBURBS IN EASTERN VICTORIA

GREEN HOUSE

ALL SUBURBS IN WESTERN VICTORIA

Anticipate!!!

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Proverb: Even as the archer loves the arrow that flies, so too he loves the bow that remains constant in his hands

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Special Announcements

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**COMING
SOON**



Celebrations

Congratulations to everyone for their respective end of year parties, we the executives are always available to turn up if invited.



**Nigerian Society of
Victoria Inc**

Unlock ^{Power} the ^{of} Community!

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!

**SCAN
HERE**



Dues 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)

OR Visit:

<https://www.nigeriansocietyvic.org.au/plans-pricing>



FORMS OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Food relief organisations: such as Foodbank Victoria provide thousands of meals for people.

Ozharvest Contact: [\(03\) 9999 5070](tel:(03)99995070), Foodbank Contact : [\(03\) 9362 8300](tel:(03)93628300)

Emergency/crisis accommodation: housing is provided by government-funded agencies or charities to help people find somewhere to live immediately.

Housing Victoria Contact: [1800 825 955](tel:1800825955) (free call) or [\(03\) 9536 7777](tel:(03)95367777), Launch Housing Contact: [9288 9611](tel:92889611), Flagstaff Crisis accommodation Contact: [\(03\) 9329 4800](tel:(03)93294800), Frontyard Youth Services Contact: [\(03\) 9977 0077](tel:(03)99770077)

Women's Shelters: provide refuge in the form of safe, secure, short-term accommodation for women and their children to escape violence and abuse at home.

Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre (Women and Children Contact [1800 015 188](tel:1800015188), [1800 825 955](tel:1800825955) (free call) or [\(03\) 9322 3555](tel:(03)93223555) and

Lifeline: provides 24-hour access to crisis support, suicide prevention and mental health support services. Services include a 24-hour telephone crisis support service. A range of services are provided through local Lifeline Centres across Australia that meets the needs of local communities. These services may include, in addition to suicide prevention, financial and gambling counselling, family and mediation services, and counselling services for children.

Lifeline Australia Contact: [131114](tel:131114), Corporate Lifeline Contact: [1800 621 308](tel:1800621308)

Christian social welfare organisations: include the Salvation Army, with a range of programs addressing homelessness, drug addiction, domestic violence, disability programs, emergency relief and family support.

Salvation Army Crisis Service Contact: [\(03\) 9536 7777](tel:(03)95367777), Uniting Care Contact: [\(03\) 9251 5200](tel:(03)92515200),

The Brotherhood of St Laurence works to alleviate and prevent poverty focusing on people who are at risk at four critical stages in their lives: children and families in the early years, both at home and in school; young people in the years through school to work and further education; adults seeking employment and training; older people facing the challenges of retirement and ageing.

The Brotherhood of St Laurence Contact: [\(03\) 9483 1183](tel:(03)94831183), [\(03\) 9387 9519](tel:(03)93879519)

Anglicare Victoria: provides a range of programs including foster care, food and material aid, care for children with disabilities, family and financial counselling, assistance for victims of child abuse and neglect, parenting advice and support, residential and crisis accommodation for young people, and advocacy.

Anglicare Contact: [\(03\) 5135 9555](tel:(03)51359555)

Australian Red Cross: through Extreme Hardship Support Program – Victoria provides Financial relief to meet urgent needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. An application can be made every 2 months and will be assessed against eligibility criteria at that time. Emergency relief payments are **not income support**. They are **limited** and we know may not meet all needs that you have.

Australian Red Cross Contact: [\(03\) 5174 3798](tel:(03)51743798)

Asylum Seekers Resource Centre: provides wholistic support to migrants on bridging visas seeking asylum in Australia

Asylum Seekers Resource Centre Contact: [\(03\) 9326 6066](tel:(03)93266066)