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Meet The Planning committee



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Other planning committee members, Ayo, Modupe, Ify and Chi-Chi

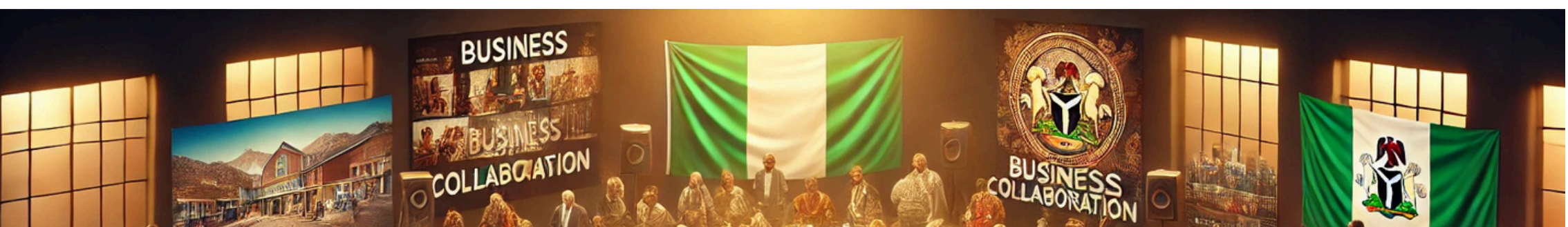


Lekan - Regional Rep

Interested in joining a Committee, being a
Regional Rep, Sponsorship, Passport
Intervention?

send your expression of interest to
secretary@nigeriansocietyvic.org.au

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NSV Executives Meeting Update – On the 8th of February 2025, The NSV Executive Team held a face-to-face meeting, discussing key initiatives for the year ahead, including the Nigeria Sports Event (March 1) and the Passport Intervention (May 23–25). We also explored strategies for enhancing member engagement. For more details, please see below the summary notes. Thank you for your continued support!

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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NSV Executives Face to Face Meeting - Cummunity Update 08/02/2025

Building a Stronger NSV Community

Database Update: We are expanding our database to better capture member details, skills, and expertise. This will help us connect, collaborate, and support each other more effectively. We encourage everyone to register and update their information.

Strengthening Our Community: NSV is committed to fostering a strong and connected Nigerian community in Victoria. We plan to host more events, programs, and support initiatives, but we need your ideas and participation!

Funding & Sponsorship – We Need You!

While we are exploring grants, NSV relies on contributions, sponsorships, and partnerships to sustain our activities. If you or your business can contribute, we would love to hear from you!

Sponsor Benefits: Sponsors will receive **brand visibility** at NSV events, on social media, and in official communications. This is a great opportunity to showcase your business while **supporting the community**.

Employment Support

We need businesses and referrals that can help community members seeking jobs. Currently, we have members impacted by domestic violence and immigration challenges who require urgent support. If you can assist, please reach out.

Social Media & Visibility

We are enhancing our engagement with the Nigerian community in Victoria. If you have skills in social media management or content creation, we would love to have you on board!

Follow us on [Facebook](#), and [Instagram \(@nsv_australia\)](#) for updates!

Upcoming Events – Get Involved!

Passport Intervention: Expression of Interest for participants will be released soon for the upcoming passport intervention in late May. We encourage community members to spread the word and assist in logistics and coordination.

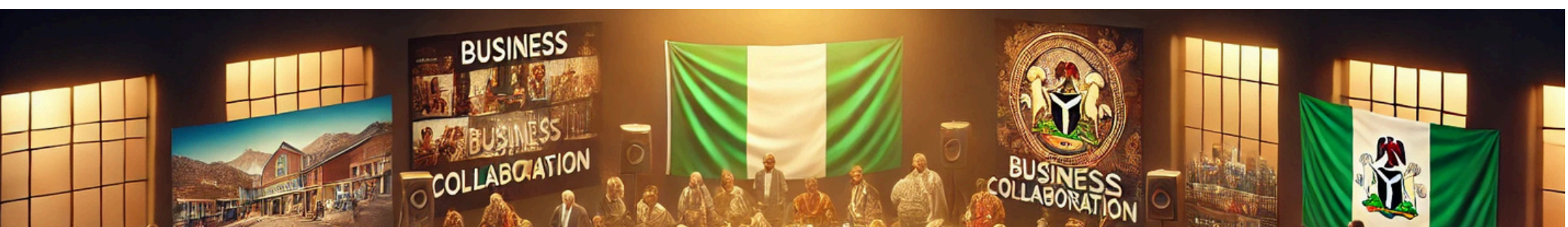
Nigerian Sporting Event: A platform to showcase talent within our community! Our goal is to make this the next big event in Victoria, providing an opportunity for our athletes to be recognized in the broader community.

Let's Build Together!

We are committed to making NSV stronger, but we cannot do it alone. Your time, skills, and financial support are vital to ensuring our events and programs thrive. **We also need nominations for Regional Representatives!** If you'd like to get involved, reach out today.

Signed by

The NSV Executives





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The month in review in Pictures

Executives with the High Commissioner in Melbourne



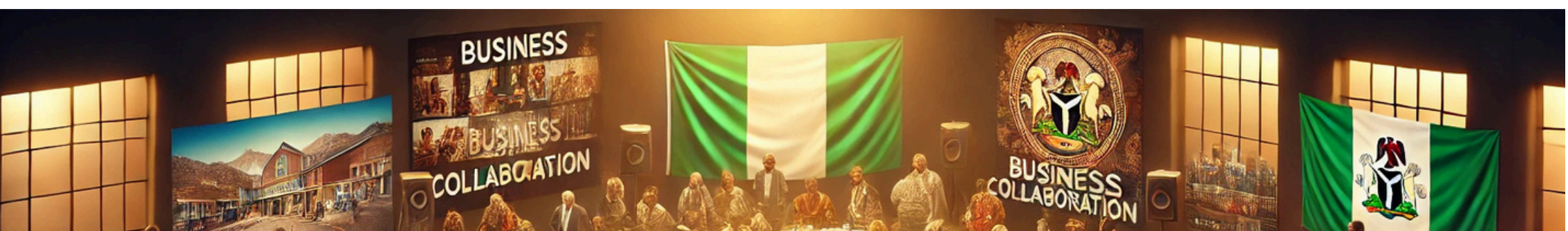
Executives invited to attend the African-Australian Summit



President with Rev Dr Toni Aburime of Christ Embassy



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Community Building

In today's rapidly changing world, the importance of community building cannot be overstated, especially for diasporic organizations like the Nigerian Society of Victoria. As Nigerians living far from our homeland, the bonds we create here are vital for our personal growth, cultural preservation, and collective progress. In a world where individualism can often take precedence, we must remain anchored in our shared identity, strengthening our ties as a community.



A Sense of Belonging One of the most profound benefits of community building is the sense of belonging it fosters. For many Nigerians in Victoria, adjusting to life in a new environment can be challenging. The culture shock, different social norms, and absence of extended family can make the experience isolating.

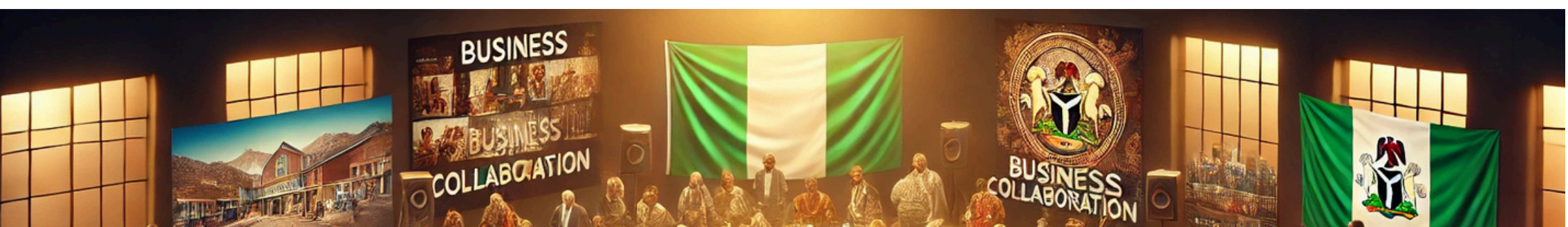
Community provides a soft landing—a place where we can be ourselves, where our stories are understood, and where our struggles are shared. Knowing that others have walked a similar path makes us feel less alone, reminding us that we are part of something bigger than ourselves.

Cultural Preservation As diasporans, we carry the responsibility of keeping our rich Nigerian culture alive in a foreign land. Community building helps ensure that our customs, languages, and traditions are passed on to future generations. Through events, celebrations, and communal activities, we reinforce our cultural identity and instill a sense of pride in younger generations. This preservation is crucial, as it ensures that we do not lose the unique heritage that defines us.

Support Systems Community is not just about celebration; it is also about support. Life can be unpredictable, and having a strong network can make all the difference. Whether it's financial assistance during difficult times, advice on navigating the complexities of immigration, or simply a listening ear, a solid community provides a safety net. For new immigrants, finding a familiar face can ease the transition into Australian society, providing practical and emotional guidance as they settle into their new life.



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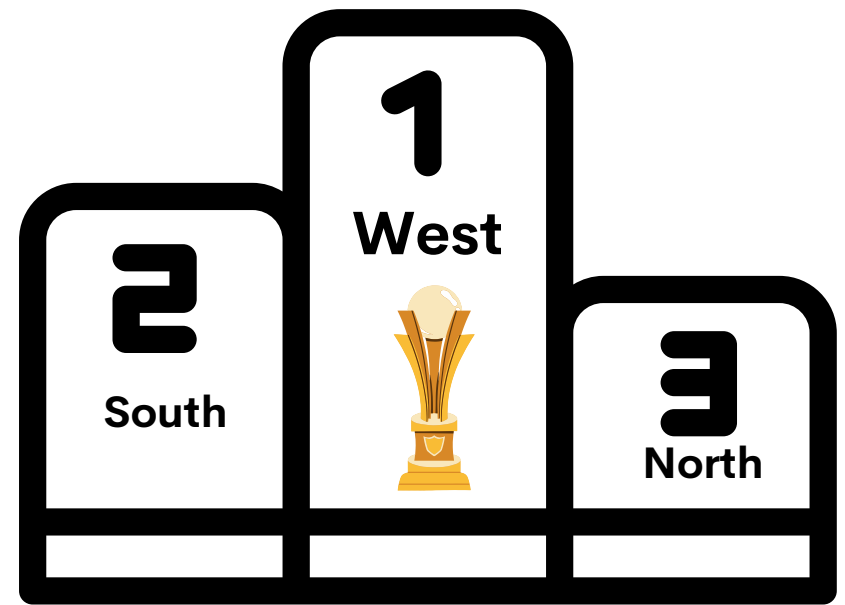
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Socials - NSV Sporting Event

The Nigerian Society of Victoria (NSV) recently held a successful sports event at Atherstone Athletics in Melton, bringing the community together for a day filled with excitement, competition, and unity. Athletes of all ages participated in various sports, showcasing their skills and fostering a spirit of camaraderie. The event highlighted the importance of health, teamwork, and community bonding, with families and friends cheering from the sidelines. A huge thank you to all participants, volunteers, and organizers for making this a memorable and inspiring day for the Nigerian community in Victoria!

This event marks the beginning of something special, and I'm excited to announce that it will be an annual tradition. Our goal is to foster a close relationship among the community and promote healthy competition among all the suburbs. Together, we can build a vibrant community spirit and create lasting memories.

Best, Dami Oni. Sports Coordinator





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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

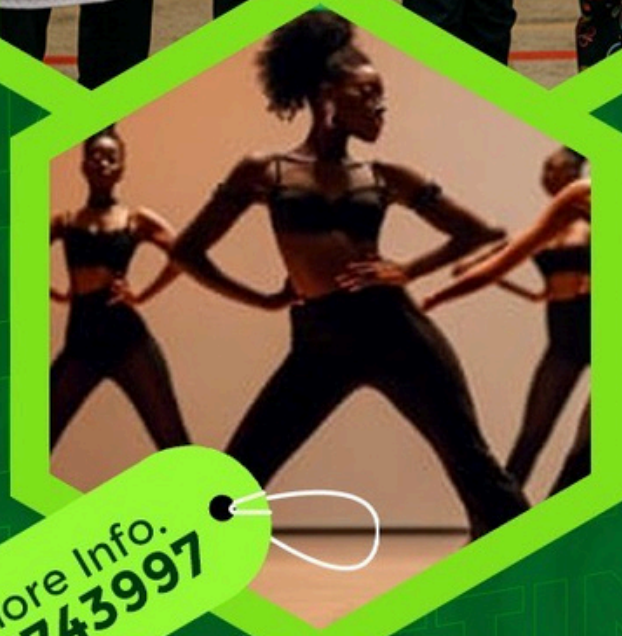
- Newsletter Banner Ad: (Quarter Page ad placement for 1 month)
- 1 Social Media Post (image or video)

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)



For more Info:
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Nigerian Society of Victoria Inc

Unlock the Power 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.nigeriansocietvvic.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, Foodbank Contact : (03) 9362 8300

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 (free call) or (03) 9536 7777, Launch Housing Contact: 9288 9611, Flagstaff Crisis accommodation Contact: (03) 9329 4800, Frontyard Youth Services Contact: (03) 9977 0077

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, 1800 825 955 (free call) or (03) 9322 3555 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, Corporate Lifeline Contact: 1800 621 308

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, Uniting Care Contact: (03) 9251 5200,

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, (03) 9387 9519

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

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

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

Asylum Seekers Resource Centre Contact: (03) 9326 6066