

# THE UPDATE

*The Official Nigerian Tasmania Community Newsletter.*



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THE UPDATE

## Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

*by Omojola Babajide*

Welcome to the latest Newsletter, the first of many, all of which we hope, will keep you up-to-date and engaged. This will be issued out on a quarterly basis. Enjoy!

*Fun facts:*

1. Zeb Ejiro is the best movie producer in the world.

2. "OMOYEN" is the best WAP super story tv show.

*Las las, we are nothing but pencils in the hand of our creator.*

*Thank God sey my creator sabi draw.*



## New Year message to Nigeria Community in Tasmania Inc

by Dr. David Onu

Dear friends and fellow Nigerians in Tasmania, my name is Dr David Onu and I am your President.

It is my great honour and privilege to be able to address all of you today using this medium. First, may I, on behalf of my family and our newly elected Executive Committee, congratulate all of us for making it to this brand-New Year. May 2021 be our best year ever. The past year, 2020 will no doubt, go down in recorded history as one of the most challenging and unpredictable years due to the disruptions and human sufferings caused by the ravaging COVID-19 pandemic. Despite all the lockdowns and difficulties of 2020, we are still here, and that is testament to our resilience as individuals, families and as a community. The COVID-19 response by the Tasmanian leadership has been excellent and we are grateful that no member of our community had been so infected.

As a community, we had to postpone and cancel all our face-to-face general meetings last year, but we were able to hold our Annual General Meeting virtually three weekends ago. It was on that occasion that the current Executive Committee was elected. We are very grateful to you for the opportunity given us to serve, and I also thank our immediate past office holders for giving of their best in the good service of our community.

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**~ Australian Aboriginal Proverb**

## New Year message to Nigeria Community in Tasmania Inc Cont.

*by Dr David Onu*

I will now highlight some of the projects that the executive committee plans to embark on this year.

a. I will appoint some of our members to act as Zonal Coordinators, to serve as points of contact between members of their respective zones and our community leadership. They will also help to facilitate the reception and settlement of new arrivals in their zones, coordinate zonal Easter and Christmas parties, and encourage regular visitation of members to one another.

i. I am glad to appoint Dr Ali Kidmas as Coordinator for the North and East zone, comprising Launceston, Smithton, Georgetown and St. Helens. He will be assisted in this role by Mr Tosin Omilani.

ii. Dr Chidimma Esomeju will be assisted by Dr Olowole Olomola as Coordinator for the West Coast comprising Burnie, Latrobe and Devonport.

iii. Our Secretary, Mr Babajide Omojola will serve as Coordinator for the South including Hobart and environs. Please join me in congratulating all our Zonal Coordinators. They deserve our full support and cooperation.

b. We will work closely with the Community Languages Tasmania to see the feasibility of setting up Nigerian Language Schools for our children. We will focus on the primary languages of Yoruba, Igbo and Hausa with schools based in Hobart and Launceston, depending on the numbers of children, volunteer teachers, availability of grants and other logistics.

c. We will expand our social media handles to better interface with Tasmanian government programs and businesses. This includes the creation of new community accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

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## **New Year message to Nigeria Community in Tasmania Inc Cont.**

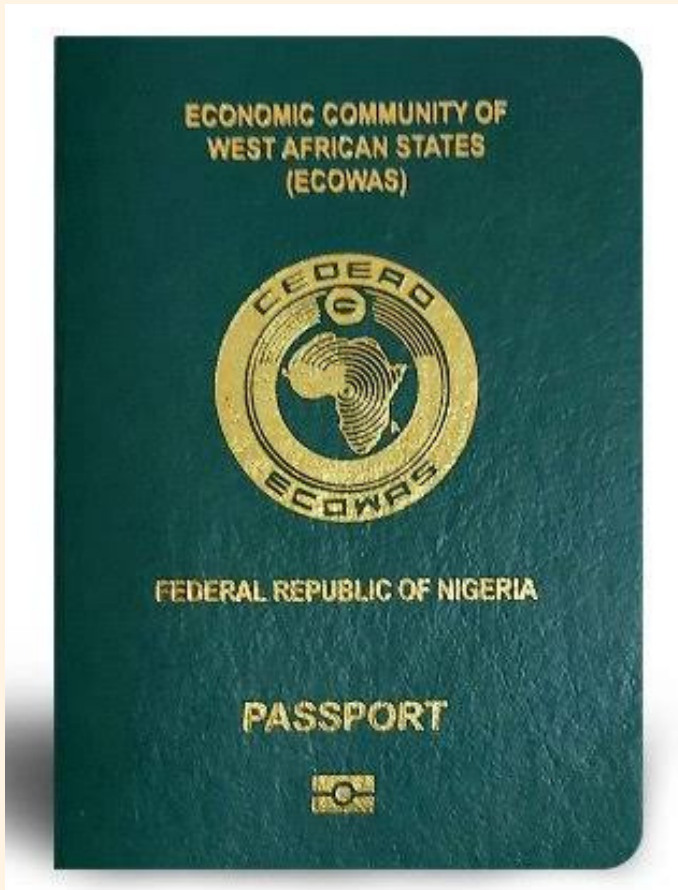
*by Dr David Onu*

- d.** Some members of our executive committee led by the Secretary shall embark on an outreach visit to Launceston to canvass for better participation and membership.
- e.** We will commence the publication of monthly newsletters which will be circulated to member's email addresses. We will eventually migrate all the advertising of businesses of financial members to our newsletters.
- f.** We will update and secure our community membership database this year through either integration with our website or the use of third-party application. Also, we will seek greater inputs and participation from members through periodic surveys.
- g.** We intend to join and fully participate in the Multicultural Council of Tasmania, the peak body for multiculturalism.
- h.** I will continue as Board Member and work harmoniously with the African Community Council of Tasmania (ACCT) and the Council of Nigerian Association's Presidents of Australia (CONAPA) this year.
- i.** Our next general meeting shall be hosted by the West Zone at a time and venue to be announced later.

Our leadership cannot accomplish much without your full support and prayers. We also need members to be up to date with their annual dues as that is our only source of funds. Let us continue to strive higher, be our brother's and sister's keeper and help to build a better Nigerian community in Tasmania. Let us always remember that we are stronger together!

May the good Lord, the merciful and benevolent one grant all of us good health, sane mind and prosperity this year. Thank you for your time.

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## Passport Update

by Babajide Omojola

Please be advised that we still need to meet the certain requirements to be able to effectively participate in the upcoming passport renewal intervention program.

SEE LINK ON WEBSITE or WHATSAPP CHAT FOR REQUIREMENT:  
E-PASSPORT REQUIREMENT

### Important information.

What we know so far;

1. The Nigerian Community in Tasmania Annual General Meeting will no longer hold in Burnie on 01/05/2021. It will now hold in Launceston on a soon to be advised date.
2. The passport intervention program and our AGM will take place on the same day in Launceston.
3. A date is yet to be announced in May for the upcoming event. We are currently working tirelessly with the embassy to secure a date.
4. You will be ineligible to participate if your passport has more than one year validity from the date of the upcoming Passport intervention in Launceston.
5. The passport intervention participation will incur cost that will be passed down to all participants.

Contact our Launceston Team or The Exco's, if you will like to play an active role in making our upcoming event a success.

Please be advised role will be assigned. We need a team ready so we can all swing into action the very moment we secure a date.



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# Census! Census! Census!

*by Babajide Omojola*

## Important announcement!!

We are now live! It is my great pleasure to unveil to you all our upgraded website! Please make out time to visit [www.NigeriaTas.org.au](http://www.NigeriaTas.org.au) to familiarise yourselves with all the functionalities. Kindly update your personal and family details in our census database. Your comments and feedbacks are welcomed.

President

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## NEWS!

*by Babajide Omojola*

### NEWS:

- a. CONAPA has secured an official letter from the Comptroller General of Immigration to revalidate all unused passport payments to Innovate 1 owing to COVID travel restrictions.
- b. The incoming Nigerian Ambassador Designate Ndubuisi Madueke is expected to arrive Australia in the coming months.
- c. A Nigerian company has now been assigned to conduct the data capturing for National Identity Number (NIN) and BVN for all Nigerians in Australia. CONAPA is actively involved in the planning and it is envisaged that these exercises shall be conducted in each State and Territory to minimise stress for all Nigerians.

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