

1953

Establishment of the Victorian Diabetics Association (VDA). Gwen Scott became involved at the very beginning and was appointed CEO later.

1954

First diabetes camp for 12 children with type 1 held in the Dandenong Ranges.

1957

VDA supported formation and became a member of the Diabetes Federation of Australia, which is Diabetes Australia today. VDA had 120 members and £300 in the bank.

1967

The first person with diabetes to work in the state public sector was employed in Victoria as a teacher. The first Diabetes Week was also held from 17 to 21 October 1967.



1968

First community diabetes support group was set up in 1968 in Bendigo.

1974

The John C. Kellion Foundation was inaugurated in Australia to support people who had lived with diabetes for 50 years or more. The organisation established six regional auxiliary groups throughout Victoria: Dandenong and district, Ballarat, Bendigo, Maryborough, Box Hill and Dingley.



1976

VDA became the Diabetes Foundation Victoria (DFV). The organisation had grown to have eight regional auxiliary groups throughout Victoria and membership of 3269.

1978

Start of community education programs for people with diabetes throughout Victoria.

1982

After the introduction of home blood glucose monitoring in 1978-79, CEO Gwen Scott established a 'meter bank' for those unable to purchase their own meter.



1984

The first Kellion Victory Medals were awarded in Australia.

1985

First Aboriginal camp was held at Jungai, Thornton with the late Aunty Joan Vickery involved.

1986

The organisation moved to 100 Collins Street, Melbourne.

1987

Advocacy success with the establishment of the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS).

1988

In the bicentenary year the organisation changed its name to Diabetes Australia - Victoria (DA-Vic) in line with other state and territory diabetes organisations throughout Australia.



1990

DA-Vic started new regional diabetes education services in Gippsland, Wimmera and Geelong, each with its own educator. Later a service was also established in Wangaratta. A new toll-free number known previously as the Diabetes Infoline was installed to increase access for people with diabetes outside of Melbourne.



1995

Karen Passey appointed as CEO.

1997

DA-Vic started a partnership with Savers Australia, collecting used clothing for sale at the Savers thrift stores, providing a new income stream to assist people with diabetes.

1998

DA-Vic developed a basic diabetes course for Aboriginal health workers. In November, DA-Vic's website was launched.

2002

DA-Vic offices moved to 570 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.





2003

The first annual Health Professional Symposium was held in partnership with the International Diabetes Institute (today Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute). Greg Johnson appointed as CEO.

2005

The first Dose Adjustment For Normal Eating (DAFNE) program for adults with type 1 diabetes was delivered by DA-Vic staff.

2006

The Diabetes Infoline received more than 100,000 telephone enquiries from people with diabetes requiring support, products and information. The Gwen Scott Diabetes Professional Development grant program was introduced for health professionals to improve their skills.

2007

DA-Vic started coordinating the *Life!* program, a new type 2 diabetes prevention program funded by the Victorian Government. A new diabetes mapping project was launched, illustrating the prevalence of type 2 diabetes from 2001 to 2006. DA-Vic employed its first Aboriginal Liaison Officer.



2008

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by DA-Vic, the Cancer Council Victoria, General Practice Victoria, the National Heart Foundation and the National Stroke Foundation to jointly combat chronic diseases. Also, the Obesity Policy Coalition was established.

2009

The diabetes education tool Feltman® was launched.

2010

Launch of an online shop, the new Multilingual Infoline (in 27 languages) and the Australian Centre for Behavioural Research in Diabetes (ACBRD).

2011

DA-Vic received funding to extend the *Life!* program and continue the work of preventing type 2 diabetes in Victoria. An MOU was signed with the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation to fight diabetes in Aboriginal communities. Launch of the Language Position Statement.

2012

The Diabetes MILES survey (led by the ACBRD) studied the emotional wellbeing of 3300 Australians living with diabetes. Pictorial self-management guides won the Healthcare Innovation Award for excellence in supporting self-managed healthcare at the 2012 Victorian Public Healthcare Awards.

2013

The International Diabetes Federation's World Diabetes Congress was held in Melbourne in December. Craig Bennett appointed as CEO.

2015

Launch of the Mastering Diabetes in Schools information packs. Launch of Feltmum® and very first Diabetes Expo held. DA-VIC became Diabetes Victoria.



Feltman® and Feltmum® are diabetes education tools made by Diabetes Victoria and the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO).



2016

Rollout of the DESMOND program.

2017

Formation of the Consumer Advisory Committee.

2019

Launch of the OzDAFNE pump pilot program.

2020

Online delivery of programs and events due to COVID-19.

2022

Development of the OzDAFNE@home program. Diabetes camps resume after COVID-19 pandemic. Glen Noonan is appointed as CEO.

