

- 1992
- First two meetings of the *Hepatitis C Support Group* held in second half of the year
 - Meetings held at private homes and initiated by two Gastroenterologists
- 1993
- Fairfield Hospital provides office space
 - *Hepatitis C Foundation of Victoria* chosen as first name of organisation
- 1994
- Sidney Myer Foundation grant allowed employment of first staff
 - Produced *Hepatitis C: An information Booklet about Hepatitis C*, a precursor to *Impact*
- 1995
- State Government funds first full-time employee
 - First edition of the *Good Liver* magazine produced
 - Over 750 information packs sent during 1995-96
 - 15 information nights held
- 1996
- Organisation relocated to Repatriation Campus of Heidelberg Hospital
 - Started peer support group and a speakers bureau, as well as providing telephone support
 - Established first regional support groups
 - People Who Inject Drugs peer educator project started
 - Three paid staff in total
- 1997
- Increased focus on working with health care professionals
 - Campaign for the elimination of discrimination against people with hepatitis C
 - Support group changes from a bi-monthly group to a monthly event
 - *Awareness Week* launched at Treasury Gardens
 - First *National Hepatitis C Strategy* developed
 - Founding member of new national peak body *The Hepatitis Council of Australia*
 - Organisation changed its name to *Hepatitis C Council of Victoria*
- 1998
- Secured new premises and a co-location agreement with the Needle Syringe Program mobile disposal unit (Foot Patrol) in the CBD
 - Over 2000 Information packs sent out
 - Strategy to set up 14 rural support groups
 - Metro Support Group well established
 - Started work in prisons and schools
 - Around 550 telephone support calls
- 1999
- First *Victorian Hepatitis C Awareness Day* celebrated in March with 30,000 postcards and 2,000 posters distributed
- First website created for the organisation
 - Information booklet renamed *Impact* with print run of 10,000 copies
 - Establishment of *HECLE* — a forum for hepatitis C educators and workers
- 2000
- *Hepatitis C Awareness Day* changed to *Hepatitis C Awareness Week*, with launch at Treasury Gardens
 - *2nd Community HCV Conference* held in Melbourne
- 2001
- Funding secured for an additional three workers, including first program specific to body art
 - Hep Chat, a weekly radio program on viral hepatitis and harm reduction begins in April on 3CR Radio
 - Offices relocate to Sydney Road, Brunswick.
- 2002
- *Third Australasian Conference on HCV* held in Melbourne.
 - First dedicated prison worker employed.
 - New website launched.
 - *Victorian HCV Strategy for 2002-04* released.
- 2003
- Over 50,000 items distributed for *Awareness Week*
 - Partnership formalised with Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
 - Participated in successful consortium to create the new Multicultural Health and Support Service.
 - Launch of the *Victorian Secondary School Nurses Educators* kit.
 - Workforce Development training project initiated.
- 2004
- Feature of works from the *DisEase hepatitis C* exhibition by artist Fern Smith.
 - *Project Blood Oath* — an outreach prevention program for homeless youth undertaken.
 - Training of Peer Educators in prisons initiated.
- 2005
- Part of first nationally coordinated *Hepatitis Awareness Week*
 - Rural email bulletin service created
 - 2,300 telephone information calls received
- 2006
- Culturally and Linguistic Diverse and Indigenous specific programs funded
 - *What is this hep C thing?* game for schools produced with Alfred's Education Resource Centre
 - HepC Vietnamese video resource, *Transmission*, produced with North Richmond Community Health
 - Awareness Week features *C-Jam* concert in Bendigo
 - 90,000 stickers for fit packs produced

2007 – 2008

- Name changed to *Hepatitis C Victoria*.
- Major forum held with body art industry
- Collaborated with City of Melbourne to develop their Blood Borne Virus and Syringe policy
- Department of Human Service funds expanded Telephone Infoline service
- *Body art and hepatitis C in prisons* comic book

2008 – 2009

- First chronic disease self-management course *Hep C: Take Control*
- New standardised format for e-newsletter.
- National Hepatitis Awareness week launched at Federation Square with *Rock for Hep* concert.
- Inaugural Mark Farmer Award for services to hepatitis C.

2009 – 2010

- Research Advisory Committee established
- Collaborated with local community organisations on the *Ballarat Safe Skin* project
- *Are you thinking about treatment for the Hep C Virus* booklet for people who inject drugs
- Establishment of *HBV Alliance*.
- Held the first *StreetShot* photography competition and exhibition
- Participated in Melbourne Homeless Festival

2010 – 2011

- Name changed to *Hepatitis Victoria*
- Produced *Love your liver: Living with hepatitis* DVD for Aboriginal people with VACCHO and Victorian Aboriginal Health Service
- Collaboration with *Ilbjerri Theatre Company* in the production of new play *Body Armour*
- Produced prison resource: *Bumper Book for Blokes Inside*
- Held *Transition from Prison to Community* forum
- Produced young people resource and game: *What's the Chance*
- Wallet size brochure produced: *Is your tattoo or piercing safe?*

2012-2013

- Adoption of 2012-2017 Strategic Plan
- Produced Hepatitis B and C *Fast Facts* resource
- Established *HEPConnect* peer support program
- Established *Cheers Volunteers* annual volunteer recognition event
- Hepatitis Roundtable convened in Werribee focusing on HCV treatments
- Consolidation of electronic communications into *HEPChat* bulletins
- *Yarning about Hep B* video resources produced with VACCHO and VAHS
- Established Facebook and Twitter accounts
- Pilot of *Chronic disease self-management course for hepatitis B and Hep C: Going viral*

2013-2014

- Re-established *Public Speakers Bureau*
- Community Advocates Group formed
- Vietnamese community awareness project
- Campaigned to have Federal Government listing on PBS of new hepatitis C treatments
- Establish Instagram account
- Launch of *HEPHeroes* website and videos
- First regional viral hepatitis forum held (in Bendigo)
- Adoption of Hepatitis Victoria's *Community Participation Framework*
- 21st Birthday celebrated at Federation Square

2014-2015

- *Western LIVERability festival* held in Footscray
- Breakfast seminar on *Accessible Testing*
- Production of *Mums to B* and *B Aware* resources in English, Chinese and Vietnamese
- Hepatitis awareness stall at AIDS2014 conference
- Standalone *StreetShot* website established
- Convened Roundtable with major political parties leading up to State elections
- First "*StreetShot on the road*" held (in Sunshine)
- *Translating Hepatitis* awareness program held involving Multicultural Women's Health

2015-2016

- Assisted the Victorian Government to host its first World Hepatitis Day event
- *HEPConnect* volunteers win Minister for Health Outstanding Achievement award
- *Western Action Forum* convened with Health Minister committing to having a hepatitis strategy
- First Digital and Online Services Officer
- Infoline extended to be available to prisoners throughout Victoria
- *Be Free From Hep C* campaign implemented to inform people of new HCV cures.
- Represented and presented at the World Hepatitis Summit in Scotland
- *Art in the West* program run in prisons
- Education video screened at the St Kilda Festival

2016-2017

- Launch of Victorian Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C strategies (2016-2020) at *StreetShot* event
- Commenced 7 two-year hepatitis B community education projects with various communities and organisations across the State
- Commenced a stigma and discrimination awareness program, with public surveys
- Community profiles undertaken for Chinese, Vietnamese, Egyptian, Italian Cambodian and Pakistani communities
- Begin *HEPReady* Workforce development social enterprise providing training online and face to face and incorporating *HEPSpeak* and *HEPLink*.
- *LIVERWELL* suit of digital tools launched including *HEPCheck* and *CareCheck*

2018-2019

- Launch of the #StigmaStops year-long anti-stigma campaign
- Ongoing Hepatitis Victoria podcast series and video transforms the way we communicate with our audiences
- *Little Hep B Hero* book in English, Simplified Chinese and Vietnamese plus beautiful animated film introduced to wide acclaim
- Love Your Liver #2 awareness campaign begins an integrated approach funded by DHHS
- HEPReady® regional forums in Shepparton, Dandenong and Traralgon
- LiverWELL™ app in 4 languages launched to a global audience quickly wins praise and plaudits
- Victorian Chinese Jade coalition to eliminate hepatitis B and liver cancer launched
- New liver health resources published, *Your Liver, Your Health, Cirrhosis, Fatty Liver Disease and Alcohol-Related Liver Disease*
- Collaboration with the Adult Migrant English Program brings hepatitis B health and liver health messages to hundreds of new Australians
- World Liver Day 19 April celebrated with the launch of *Eating Well: A LiverWELL™ Lifestyle Guide*
- LiverWELL™ registered as a charity trading under the name of Hepatitis Victoria consolidates move towards awareness-raising for broader liver health.