1866 | Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co founded in Switzerland.
1867 | Henri Nestlé developed Farine Lactée, the first infant food.
1885 | NESTLÉ trademark registered in New Zealand.
1904 | Nestlé added chocolate to its product range when Peter and Kohler Swiss General Chocolate Company produced milk chocolate under the NESTLÉ trademark.
1905 | Nestlé and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co merged.
1908 | First Australian branch opened.
1911 | Dennington Condensed Milk factory built (largest in the world during the war).
1919 | Nestlé took control of the Peter, Cailler, Kohler Company in Australia.
1920 | Laboratoires opened in Sydney.
1921 | Australasian Branch incorporated locally. Bacchus Marsh Company acquired with factories at Smithtown, NSW and Maffra, VIC, producing LACTOGEN and Malted Milk Powder.
1934 | MILO powder developed at Abbotsford, Sydney.
1937 | SUNSHINE milk powder launched in Australia.
1947 | The Maggi Company merged with Nestlé. This marked the Group’s entry into the culinary business.
1948 | NESCAFÉ coffee introduced in Australia.
1951 | MAGGI soups launched in Australia.
1955 | Gympie, Queensland factory opened.
1960 | Crosse & Blackwell (British culinary products company) acquired (Pakenham Factory VIC).
1961 | Cambria Park Factory, Auckland, commenced production.
1971 | Merger with Ursina-Frank (makers of Tongala brand products in Australia).
1980 | Nestlé Pacific Islands (NPI) set up as a distinct business.
1983 | Purchased PAPA GIUSEPPI’S in Australia.
1985 | Carnation business purchased (milk products, culinary products). Entry into the pet food business under the brand FRISKIES.
1986 | Andronicus coffee business purchased in Australia.
1986 | Heards confectionery business in New Zealand purchased; included Waiuku factory, production transferred to Cambria Park in 2003.
1987 | NPI opened factory at Lae, PNG.
1988 | Buitoni-Perugina purchased by Nestlé. (Italian Cuisine: BUTONI; chocolate: PERUGINA; Rowntree (chocolate and confectionery business) purchased.
1989 | Allen Lifesavers (Aust) – increased stake from 50 to 100%. Pet food business of Arnott Harper acquired.
1991 | Equity participation in Maganlal Jwai Ltd led to acquisition of Ba factory, in Fiji; partnership with Cheddiatt S.A. in Noumea established.
1992 | Animal Health Food Company (TUX brand) purchased in New Zealand.
1992 | NPI acquired Noumea-based chocolate producer, Chocody.
1995 | Nestlé New Caledonia established.
1995 | Nestlé Australia acquired Peters Ice Cream and chilled dairy businesses.
1997 | Nestlé Trading Fiji Ltd formed.
1999 | Nestlé Oceania region formed.
2001 | NPI made major extensions at Lae, PNG and Ba, Fiji factories. Decommissioned Lami factory.
2002 | Nestlé Australia acquired CDS Gourmet Foods (made-to-order, value added fresh and frozen meals and meat components).
2002 | Nestlé UK acquired SKI yogurt brand (includes rights to SKI brand in Australia although current licence to use the brand for yoghurt products is held by Dairy Farmers).
2003 | Nestlé Switzerland acquired the MOVENPICK ice cream brand on a worldwide basis.
2004 | Nestlé Australia acquired Chalet Patisserie (gourmet cake manufacturer).
2005 | Nestlé Australia acquired Musashi sports nutrition business.
2005 | Nestlé acquired remaining minority interest in Nestlé (Fiji) Ltd.
2005 | Nestlé Australia divested milk powder business. Sold Dennington factory to NZ dairy producer, Fonterra.