**Operation Skin Bank**  
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ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE EAST PROJECT   
  
SKIN BANK  
Description –   
Royal Brisbane Hospital  
Approx 25 patients per year sustain burns to 50 percent of their body  
Skin Bank stores skin for burn victims  
Skin Bank was established largely through donations by Zonta  
1999 a Skin Culture Laboratory was needed to grow skin from the patient  
March 1999 Brisbane East celebrated its 10th Birthday with a major fundraiser for this Laboratory  
  
MONEY RAISED:  
Charity Auction Dinner raised $19,000  
  
SERVICE HOURS:  
300 hours spent by the Birthday sub-committee -  
Canvassing businesses & organisations for support  
Organizing the Dinner  
  
LIVES AFFECTED:  
Ability to save lives of severe burns victims through the Skin Bank has affected the lives of hundreds of victims, their families and health professionals who care for them  
Saving the Government thousands of dollars  
Many children affected are now able to lead lives without painful scars and disabilities