

## LAWN BOWLS

# 1 and 4 are lucky numbers

Dream comes true for Doncaster Bowling Club with two sectional pennant flags in one weekend



Doncaster's No.1 side gathers around the scoreboard after defeating Epping RSL at Alphington and (right) the No.4 side also celebrates its big win against Whittlesea at Rosanna.

## Peter Johnson

THE dream has become reality for Doncaster Bowling Club with a stunning Saturday pennant finals result.

Last weekend, the club's No.1 and No.4 sides charged into the winners' circle with a vengeance.

Both sides emerged from the weekend with a sectional pennant flag – a combined result that sparked enthusiastic club celebrations.

The No.1 side, which had been striving for the past four years to win a final and re-

turn to second division, realised that dream last Saturday by achieving promotion from third division.

Doncaster No.1, which finished third after the home-and-away season, broke through by defeating second-placed Richmond Union No.2 by 10 shots at Richmond.

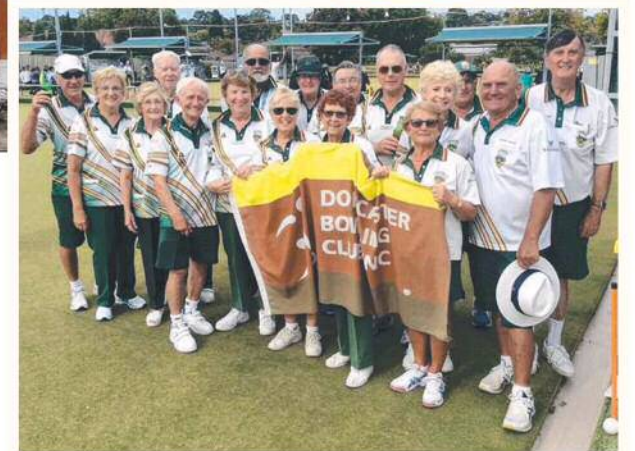
The win booked a sectional pennant flag final against home-and-away ladder leader and hot favourite Epping RSL last Sunday at the historic Alphington Bowling Club.

Doncaster came away with

a 12-shot win and the sectional pennant flag – the first time its No.1 side had won it since the 1990s.

The No.4 side, which overcame an almost insurmountable statistical task to creep into the top four, swamped top side Alphington (away) by 23 shots last Saturday to reach the sectional final against Whittlesea at Rosanna the next day.

Doncaster No.4 completed the club's golden weekend by trouncing Whittlesea by 39 shots to seal the sectional pennant win.



Doncaster's No.6 side also made the finals, but lost to Glen Waverley.

Doncaster bowls section president Brian Morris said the Saturday results, combined with three sides from the club's midweek pennant

section making the finals, was a credit to players and all supporters.

"The club, which has seen much success in its history, has been reinvigorated and once again is looking to a bright future," he said.