



Doncaster's No4 side at Ivanhoe after defeating Keilor to reach the Division 6 grand final.

Doncaster's exciting Saturday pennant finals campaign has delivered some of the club's best performances in years

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Doncaster Bowling Club's finals campaign has been a rollercoaster from the opening weeks of the post-season.

Just two shots separated Doncaster's No.1 side from a grand final playoff after its semi-final last weekend.

In the best performance by the side since the 1990s, Doncaster reached the Saturday pennant Division 3 semi-final but lost to Oakleigh South, 70-68, on the very last end.

The narrow defeat meant Doncaster's hopes would be carried by the club's No.4 side in Division 6.

The fourths won their quarter-final by 12 shots against Vermont South at Ringwood last Saturday then, the next day, stormed into the grand final by swamping Keilor by 30 shots in the semi-final at Ivanhoe.

Doncaster went on to win the overall title with a 73-59 win over Rosanna.

The summer of 2016-17 has been a resounding success for Doncaster's No 1 side, which reached the last four in an 80-side competition, has returned to second division after four years trying and has won a sectional pennant flag.

The performance by the No 4 side delighted the club, achieving promotion to Division 5 and winning the pennant.

Doncaster bowls section president Brian Morris said the finals performance proved the club was, once again, a force to be reckoned with.

"We are well known for having some of the best greens in Melbourne, we have a great social calendar, and our bowlers are getting the results," he said. "It's the perfect trifecta."