

Kerami Gardens Resort

Since the Victorian bushfires in February 2009, many members have been enquiring about the future of the Kerami Gardens Resort in Marysville which was entirely destroyed on Black Saturday.

The decision is that Kerami Gardens will not be rebuilt.

The reasons being:-

- Given that the town of Marysville has been completely devastated, it may take an entire generation for the town to recover from the effects of the fires, assuming that it does. Resorts within the timeshare industry are built in tourist areas to provide enjoyment and interest to both international members as well as local owners. The land in and around Marysville has been decimated and, therefore, it is not a viable option to rebuild a resort where there are no local attractions or infrastructure.
- Rebuilding the resort in a high risk bushfire area is not in the best interest of members/guests who would stay at the resort nor the staff that would have been employed by the resort. Thankfully, no guest or staff member lost their lives on Black Saturday. This is partly because of the Resort Managers and our Operations Manager engaging our emergency evacuation plan and partly because of luck. Simply, we will not consider building a resort in an area where the safety of our members/guests and staff is under threat.

The insurance claim is in the final stages of settlement and the stock identified to replace Kerami Gardens is as follows:-

- 12 units at Tamarind Sands (open from 18 Dec 2009)
- 4 units at Mt Martha Valley Resort (open from 18 Dec 2009)
- 2 units at Island Breeze (already open)
- The equivalent of 4 more units, yet to be determined.

Whilst we all will miss Kerami Gardens terribly, many of us will have many fine memories to reminisce about. The decision was not taken lightly but we must be practical and consider what is best for the members. It was a grand resort that can never be duplicated.