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New Minister Arrives for Catacomb Church

Geoff Piggott and his wife Tracey started their ministry at the Catacomb Church on Sunday 29th July. The following night the Induction service made it official with people traveling from Mt Isa and Alice Springs, Gladstone, Adelaide, Roxby Downs and Sydney.

Although Coober Pedy is very different from Laurieton near Port Macquarie in NSW where they spent the last 16 years they both grew up in towns of 3,000 people. Geoff was raised on the mid North coast of NSW and Tracey in the North West of NSW. Interestingly Peter Palmer, the previous Catacomb minister was from Port Macquarie and Kerry Medway from the 70s has been leading a church there for the last 10 years.

Geoff and Tracey love being part of a church family and have been impressed with the warmth and openness of their welcome. "We feel privileged to be here serving alongside such a warm and friendly group of people and in a town with such a reputation for being a strong community," Geoff commented.



L to R: Mark Short- Bush Church Aid National Director; Mary Lewis-Roxby Downs; Geoff and Tracey Piggott; Bishop John Stead; Vivien Bleby spelling (BCA Regional Officer, lived at Catacomb Church house in '80s); Peter Palmer- previous minister, now full time FIFO Chaplain .

"Leaving our young adult children behind was probably the most difficult part of moving to Coober Pedy," said Tracey. "However they are all settled into study or work and that made it much easier."

They are all keen to visit as when we travelled around Australia for 16 weeks in a van in 2002 they loved the experience and we missed going up the centre.

"We do believe life has meaning and is eternal and are keen to share with anyone interested to know how we can be sure of heaven. It seems there's so many Australians who believe or want to believe in heaven but they are not sure how to be confident of going there. So, as well as having great fun going 4Wheel driving and watching the footy and going to the Drive In we are keen to talk to interested people about the big questions of life."