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TROPIC WINGS ELECTRIC BUS MAKE INAUGURAL TRIP



Tropic Wings Cairns Tours & Charters' electric bus makes its inaugural trip up the Kuranda Range today.

The new Yutong E12 is environmentally friendly with zero emissions, and is the first 100% electric bus to be used commercially in Queensland.

The battery charge lasts approximately 350km, far beyond the 139km the bus generally needs to cover in a day.

It will now be used for the popular Tropic Wings Day Tour between Cairns and Kuranda, as well as shuttling guests between Australian Butterfly Sanctuary and Rainforestation Nature Park.



Tropic Wings is part of The Woodward Family CaPTA Group, based in Cairns, who have made it their mission to create an even more sustainable and eco-friendly business.

A charging station and solar panels have been installed at the Tropic Wings Coach Depot in a step towards a greener future with the group's vehicle fleet.

By replacing the current coach, the electric bus could reduce CO2 emissions by up to 30 tonnes each year.

This venture has been privately funded by the group, with the intention of initiating environmental change in the industry.

CaPTA Group Managing Director, Peter Woodward, said the bus will exceed customers expectations in all areas.

“Not only does it mean we are investing in a more sustainable way of touring, the bus is comfortable and silent to ride in making it a more enjoyable trip up the Kuranda Range and suits the “eco” vibe of Kuranda Village.”

“We are dedicated to educating locals and tourists about the importance of our rainforests and eco-systems, this solidifies our commitment to that mission.”

Locally owned and operated Tropic Wings is the longest established coach tour operator in Tropical North Queensland, providing quality Kuranda and Cape Tribulation tours since 1981.

For more information or to arrange an interview or media opportunity, please contact Personal Assistant Julie Seeney on 07 4041 9429.