

GREEN BUS FLEET HITS MELBOURNE STREETS

- New hybrid technology buses set to be introduced to high capacity Melbourne routes

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The first of 50 new Hybrid technology buses have been introduced to Melbourne public transport routes today. The introduction of the buses marks an important innovation for Victoria's public transport network, delivering significant reductions in emissions, noise and fuel consumption as well as improving the passenger experience.

The new, environmentally friendly fleet, which represents the biggest single order of hybrid buses in Australia, is being introduced by CDC Victoria, a subsidiary of ComfortDelGro, demonstrating a strong focus on sustainability in its business operations.

Each bus is also directly supporting the local automotive industry in Victoria with body manufacturing and fit-out being carried out by Volgren in Dandenong. All 50 low-floor buses will feature Volvo's Parallel Hybrid driveline and meet Euro 6 emission standards. In testing, the Volvo hybrid driveline has been shown to reduce nitrogen oxide and particulate emissions by up to 50%, as well as reducing fuel and carbon dioxide emissions by up to 40%.

The introduction of these fleet vehicles follows successful trials across Victoria which found that these Hybrid vehicles use 30 per cent less fuel and significantly reduce noise during idling and when departing stops.

The first bus which hits the streets of Melbourne today will be followed by another 30 buses being phased in over the next 12 months. All 50 buses in the hybrid fleet will be in service on CDC routes in Wyndham, Oakleigh and Sunshine by mid-2022.

CEO of CDC Victoria, Nicholas Yap said his team are proud of the modernisation of CDC's bus fleet in Victoria.

"Our new fleet of hybrid buses is an exciting development which demonstrates our ongoing commitment to delivering transport innovation by reducing both the emissions and fuel consumption of our fleet."

“As a business, we’re deeply committed to helping shape a better future for the next generation through reducing our carbon footprint,” says Mr Yap.

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