



Position Snapshot

Position Title:	Forward Planning Engineer
Division / Department:	Engineering & Aircraft Servicing / Engineering Business Support
Location:	BNE Hangar
Reports to:	Team Leader, Forward Planning
Direct reports:	0
Level:	1D
Award:	
Classification:	N/A / N/A
Date:	April 2021

Overall Impact Statement

Our vision is to build the airline people love, and we'll do that by having happy people, happy customers, happy owners, by doing what matters, and by ensuring everyone is safe, always. We also believe that how you show up is as important as what you do.

The objective of the Forward Planning Engineer role is to ensure all scheduled and unscheduled maintenance requirements, in a heavy maintenance environment, have been completed in a timely and efficient manner, whilst meeting CASA regulatory and business requirements.

Organisational Context

Virgin Australia Group is a major Australian airline headquartered in Brisbane, Australia. The company operates scheduled domestic and short-haul international flights, charter and cargo services, and the award-winning loyalty program Velocity Frequent Flyer. The Group has been a competitor in the Australian aviation landscape for more than 20 years.

The company is now embarking on an exciting new chapter in the next stage of our journey. In September 2020, US private equity firm Bain Capital acquired Virgin Australia in a \$3.5 billion deal. The airline has now re-launched as a mid-market carrier with a renewed focus on small and medium sized businesses, price-sensitive corporates, premium leisure travellers and holiday makers.

Since November, Virgin Australia has been working on a plan to set itself up for future success. The Group has worked to ramp up flying, simplified its organisational structure, confirmed plans for 25 new 737 aircraft to renew and grow the fleet, and signalled deeper investment in technology and customer experience.

The Group recently appointed several new faces to its Executive Leadership Team, all with a proven track record and deep experience in aviation or consumer-focussed businesses.

Virgin Australia Group prides itself on recruiting the right people to meet the challenges ahead. No matter their role – our employees share an enormous amount of passion for our guests and ambition to be the most loved airline in Australia.

The Planning team is responsible for implementing the airline's Approved Maintenance Program and acquitting all open defects in a timely and cost-effective manner, devoid of maintenance overruns and undue restrictions to the operation.

Key Accountabilities

Accountability	Major Activities
Safety, Security & Business Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete mandatory training applicable to the role (including Safety, Security, Resilience and, Health and Wellbeing) - Participate in the SMS and SeMS by identifying and reporting hazards to the operation - Be aware of personal safety matters including the emergency procedures relevant to role location - Adhere to all documented operating procedures - Actively participate in Safety Shares - Actively participate in Better Me initiatives - Actively participate in the Groups emergency response program - Participate in consultation of WHS matters as related to your working environment - Challenge unsafe behaviours in others - Abide by the lawful directions of security personnel and law enforcement officers. - Actively participate in the Group's Resilience program.
Operational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create and send heavy maintenance work packs to AMO within the agreed time frame - Ensure all technical documentation is made available to AMO as required - Liaise with VA Engineering Supply department to ensure all parts required are available to the AMO - Primary interface between VA Fleet Engineering and AMO - Engineering Support Requests are checked for accuracy and processed within required timeframes - Ensure all task deferrals are rescheduled within defined schedule constraints - Creation of induction and end of lease work packages
Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All maintenance requirements are planned and acquitted within the timeframes stipulated by the Approved Maintenance Program - Maintain compliance with Virgin Australia's Continuing Airworthiness Management Exposition, Engineering Business Procedures and applicable Work Instructions - Raise Reports for all significant events that may have safety, quality or compliance implications
Continuous Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide input and promote opportunities to review and improve departmental processes and procedures and continually improve interaction with stakeholders - Take responsibility for controlled documents and work instruction amendments where required - Complete all required training in accordance with induction training schedules and team/individual training plans
Customer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Liaise with Line Planning to ensure work requirements for heavy check packages is complete and accurate - Support Technical Operation teams as determined by your Leader / Manager

Key Requirements

Requirement	Essential	Desirable
Education / Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have a qualification in aircraft maintenance at least at certificate IV level; or have an engineering qualification at least at diploma level in any of the following disciplines: (i) aeronautical; (ii) avionics; (iii) mechanical; (iv) electrical; or equivalent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hold, or have held, an aircraft engineer license in category B1 and/or B2 or equivalent, with type ratings on current Virgin Australia aircraft types or aircraft of similar complexity
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum 3 years' experience in engineering/aircraft maintenance for an airline that operates aircraft that are the same, or of a similar complexity as the aircraft operated by Virgin Australia - Basic ability with Microsoft Office applications including Outlook, Excel and Word 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previous experience in either a maintenance or production planning role - Previous experience working in an airline's Integrated Operation Centre - Previous experience working in a heavy maintenance environment - Experience with TRAX and Oracle systems - Intermediate or advanced ability with Microsoft Office applications including Outlook, Excel and Word
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excellent verbal and written skills - Proven ability to assess complex scenarios and plan outcomes in the most effective manner - Proven ability to prioritize work requirements in an operationally fluid environment - Good interpersonal skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proven ability to work autonomously

Requirement	Essential	Desirable
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An understanding of maintenance planning concepts - Working knowledge of an aircraft structure and systems, including the propulsion system for aircraft/engine types operated by the airline, or of similar aircraft type and complexity - Working knowledge of OEM maintenance manuals and documentation - Understanding of the maintenance assessment process (MSG-3) and Approved Maintenance Programs for Virgin Australia aircraft types, or aircraft types of similar complex 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding of Virgin Australia's Approved Maintenance Program

Virgin Australia Leadership Standards

Standard	Level 1 Behavioural Descriptors
Passionately VA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displays a passion for delighting both internal and external customers • Seeks to understand customer needs by actively listening to their thoughts and concerns • Embraces diversity and is responsive to different experiences, perspectives, values and beliefs • Is curious and continuously looks for ways to learn and improve • Knows, understands and follows standard operating procedures • Is authentic and honest, can admit to making mistakes
Desire to be Better	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strives to improve experiences for internal and external customers • Has a curious mind towards identifying opportunities and finding ways to be better • Demonstrates a high level of personal motivation to learn and develop • Resourceful and creative with coming up with solutions • Identifies and contributes ideas for improvement • Identifies, addresses and reports safety hazards
Collaborates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displays passion for sharing knowledge and ideas • Voices opinions and new ideas freely • Respects differences and seeks to understand diverse perspectives • Works constructively in and across teams, viewing every interaction as an opportunity to collaborate • Is curious and open-minded to new ideas, perspectives and approaches • Clarifies own understanding and embraces alternate view • Challenges behaviours that compromise safety
Inspires Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participates in 2-way conversations, listening and discussing issues thoughtfully and openly • Understands and value the skills, knowledge and experiences that others bring • Engages with others, clearly conveying information and facts • Actively seeks to provide suggestions on how to be a better team • Informs team about work and progress • Understands personal obligations with respect to following standard operating procedures
Creates Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomes change and remains positive in the face of ambiguity • Seeks information to understand change and impacts • Demonstrates a change mindset, flexibility and openness • Understands the need for VA Group to be innovative and drive business improvement • Seeks to understand Virgin Australia's strategy and how they can contribute • Demonstrates forward-thinking and awareness of immediate consequences of actions ensuring safe outcomes
Drives Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans work to deliver within expected timeframes • Shows energy, enthusiasm and initiative for achieving own goals • Follows through on commitments to both internal and external customers • Seeks guidance and support to address obstacles and achieve set goals • Integrates feedback and takes responsibility for achieving own goals • Delivers outcomes within standards operating procedures.