

Position Snapshot

Position Title:	Business Development Specialist
Business/Division/Department:	Velocity Frequent Flyer / Business Development
Location:	Sydney Grosvenor Place
Reports to:	Head of Business Development
Direct reports:	0
Date:	September 2018

Overall Impact Statement

The Business Development Manager is a key commercial role accountable for developing a quality pipeline of partner prospects within industry categories appealing to our membership base, and converting prospects into revenue generating partnerships.

The Business Development Manager is responsible for the delivery of commercially successful partnerships into the Velocity Frequent Flyer loyalty program by managing both internal and external stakeholder at all levels through the sales and partnerships delivery lifecycle.

With a strong focus on utilising data analytics and formulating marketing research projects to deliver strategic partnerships across all key market verticals, this role is accountable for achieving business including; maintenance of a quality pipeline, new partner signings, realised new business revenue, and customer engagement in new partners.



Organisation Context

Virgin Australia Group is a major Australian airline group that operates domestic and international regular passenger services, charter and cargo services and the loyalty program Velocity Frequent Flyer. It is proud of its reputation for exceptional customer service.

The Group employs around 9,500 people in Australia, New Zealand, the United States and the United Kingdom. We pride ourselves on recruiting the right people into the right roles and we're always looking for team members in all specialties to join our award winning team.

Virgin Australia Group team members are passionate believers in better. When we live our shared values of Heart, Spirit, Imagination and Collaboration, we can do things that most people would think impossible.

As a result every person that we come into contact with; our guests, our customers, our colleagues and the community will feel and experience better outcomes, based on the interactions we have with them.

Velocity Frequent Flyer, the award-winning loyalty program of Virgin Australia, is in an exciting phase of growth with more than 8 million members. Velocity's global network of partners offers its members easy ways to earn and spend Velocity Points at home and around the world, including on flights to more than 600 global destinations.

Key Accountabilities

Lead the end-to-end sales process with target prospects from identification and approach to initial pitch, negotiating and closing the deal and managing the partner launch project to critical deadlines.

Adopt a consultative selling approach that seeks to understand the objective and needs of prospects, and translates that into a mutually beneficial partnership strategy

Effectively network, coordinate and communicate across line of business (including Virgin Australia) in the development of partnership value story articulation and pitch

Leverage the data and insights, including the Velocity partner value story to recommend a strong value proposition to enable delivery on strategic drivers.

Develop financial models and commercial business cases that generate incremental revenue, drive customer loyalty, and increase brand awareness

Manage contract negotiations in consultation with legal teams ensuring that commercial terms are reviewed, managed and maximised.

Delivery of successful partnerships into the Velocity loyalty program by managing both internal and external stakeholder at all levels through the sales and partnerships delivery lifecycle.

Collaborate with internal and external stakeholder's establishing strong and effective relationships at all levels

Identify, Research and monitor opportunities and leads from the identified key market verticals and add to the business development pipeline



Key Requirements

Essential	Desirable
5+ year experience in loyalty (card, retail or travel) in a commercial sales or marketing role	2+ years experience in either a project management role or lead SME on projects within a commercial environment
Proven track record in helping to achieve significant financial targets and individual/team KPIs	Experience using a CRM sales tool; Salesforce experience would be highly regarded
Significant experience building robust, strong business cases and commercial modelling	Experience drafting legal contracts
Commercial acumen to critically analyse opportunities and business context	Experience in or exposure to IT Operations and terminologies Experience in creating and managing budgets
Exceptional presentation skills pitching to all levels within a business including C-Suite	Experience in developing value propositions
Strong negotiation skills to navigate through stakeholder relationships and partner negotiations	Experience in Product Management
Ability to exercise good judgement under pressure, and make timely decisions	
Strategic thinker with a combination of excellent conceptual and analytic abilities, along with creativity and judgment.	
Strong written, numerical and problem-solving skills	
Strong digital and data literacy, experience leveraging digital channels to strengthen partner value	
Excellent interpersonal working across a mutli-functional team	
Advanced experience with use of Microsoft Excel and Power Point	



Competencies

Role Competency Requirements		
Competency Name	Behavioural Descriptors	
Delight Customers	Anticipates solutions that support extraordinary customer experiences	
	Identifies and addresses the underlying needs of customers (internal and external)	
	Strips barriers and overcomes obstacles to ensure delivery of results for customers (internal and external)	
	Identifies customer service trends and contributes to the designs of creative solutions	
	Seeks ways to leverage digital transformation initiatives to improve the way of working and customer interactions	
Communicate and Engage	Engages with others, clearly conveying information and facts	
	Participates in 2-way conversations, listening and discussing issues credibly and thoughtfully	
	Clarifies own understanding and embraces alternate views	
Connect and Partner	Works constructively in and across teams, viewing every interaction as an opportunity to collaborate	
	Displays passion for sharing knowledge and ideas	
	Informs team about work and progress	
Embrace Change	Demonstrates hunger for change, is comfortable with being uncomfortable	
	Engages with others and demonstrates empathy and caring in the face of change	
	Prepares for change, seeking opportunities to contribute to change initiatives	
	Adopts an open-minded approach, anticipating the immediate impacts of change and enabling an agile response	
Innovate and Improve	Seeks ways to continuously improve and empowers others to challenge the status quo	
	Thinks laterally and finds ways to achieve extraordinary outcomes	
	Monitors trends and ideas and shares insights to add value	
	Pushes barriers, displaying persistence, even in the face of failure	
	Leverages data analytics through digital platforms to generate insights on customer experience, business performance and risks	



Diversity of Thinking	Encourages others to bring whole self to work and contribute freely to support creativity and understanding of customers and stakeholders Builds empathy and understanding of different people, integrating diverse perspectives into approaches and outcomes
	Expresses own point of view and challenges basic assumptions
Strategy and Direction	Sets inspiring goals for self and others that contribute to the achievement of Group's strategy
	Understands the Group's objectives and the links between teams, functions, businesses and sector
	Applies knowledge and analysis of issues and trends to formulate and achieve plans
	Considers the risks and consequences of issues in the mid-term and the longer-term impact across teams/work areas
Drive Business Outcomes	Demonstrates persistence and perseverance in the face of obstacles
	Shows personal accountability for achievement of job-specific outcomes
	Recognises the implication of organisational issues, identifying potential impact on achievement of own and team goals
	Identifies the processes, tasks and resources required to achieve an outcome and plans accordingly
Motivate Self and	Seeks and provides feedback and opportunities to learn, valuing contribution of self and others
	Promotes and encourages excellence, growth and autonomy in self and others
	Applies learning from previous experiences to improve future approaches and solutions

