VIRGIN bulletin #5

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A message from the ASU Virgin Australia National Negotiating Team

We are extremely proud to introduce our ASU Virgin Australia National Negotiating team who will be representing ASU members at the negotiations for the new Virgin Australia Ground Crew Agreement.

Each Team member may come from a different background, location or experience but all are committed to working closely with ASU members to achieve the best outcome possible. On the other side of this bulletin is something about each of us.

We have firsthand knowledge of what it means to work for Virgin Australia. We know that Virgin Australia is a great airline with a great staff, so we deserve a great agreement.

In negotiations we will also be assisted by ASU officials with bargaining experience across both the airline and other industries. We are representative, we are resourced and we are ready to negotiate.

We will continue to get ongoing feedback from ASU members, and we are committed to providing up to date information about negotiations.

If you are not an ASU member now is the time to join https://asujoin.asn.au/

We are all excited about this new campaign and can't wait to work with you.

Alison Barker – Guest Services Sydney Airport
Chris Cruse – Advanced Guest Service Agent Melbourne Airport
Hatcher Sipola – Priority Assistance Agent Brisbane
Roxanne Martines – On secondment as an advanced guest service agent Melbourne Airport
Belinda Weblin – Priority Assistance Agent Brisbane
Linda White – ASU Assistant National Secretary



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Alison Barker

Worked at Virgin Australia: 1 year Position: Guest Services Sydney Airport Why I like working at Virgin: "The lifestyle, great people and benefits. The conditions are great but there is definitely room for improvement here".



Chris Cruse

Worked at Virgin Australia: 9 years Position: Advanced Guest Service Agent Melbourne Airport Why did you get involved with the National Negotiating Team: "Because I want to get better pay and conditions for Virgin staff".



Sipola Hatcher

Worked at Virgin Australia: Over a year Position: Priority Assistance Agent Brisbane Why did you got involved with the National N

Why did you get involved with the National Negotiating Team: *"With many awesome changes occurring across the board for Virgin Australia Group having this chance to ensure that our staff and staff's rights are not forgotten in this progressive environment is a great opportunity. With support from all departments getting involved an expedient negotiation looks promising while still reminding management of the amazing crew that supports them."*

Roxanne Martines

Worked at Virgin Australia: 3 years Position: On secondment as an advanced guest service agent Melbourne Airport Why did you get involved with the National Negotiating Team: "Virgin has changed from a low cost carrier to a major player. Our wages and conditions need to reflect this".



Belinda Weblin

Worked at Virgin Australia: Over a year Position: Priority Assistance Agent Brisbane

Why did you get involved with the National Negotiating Team: *"I am really looking forward to representing my colleagues across the Guest Contact Centre in our agreement negotiations. Virgin is a great place to work and translating that experience into our working conditions will require a big team effort".*



Linda White

ASU Assistant National Secretary Linda White LLB B.Comm (Melb) is coordinating the ASU's bargaining effort for Virgin Australia. Linda is a qualified solicitor and has been involved in bargaining in airlines including NZ, MH, UA, SQ, EK, JQ, QF and a range of other companies.