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## **Tasmanian grandfather hits jackpot in VA-X & Win competition, wins 1 million Velocity points** <sup>[2]</sup>



- Tasmanian grandfather and retired flight instructor Ian Marchant has won the major prize in the Virgin Australia V
- First announced in June 2021, the competition was Virgin Australia?s thank you to COVID-19 vaccinated Austr
- One million Velocity Points could be redeemed for up to six trips around the world in Economy on the airline?s e
- More than 400,000 COVID-19 vaccinated Australians entered the competition.

A retired Tasmanian grandfather has hit the jackpot in the Virgin Australia VA-X & Win competition, taking home the million dollars prize. Ian Marchant, 73, a former flight instructor, was one of over 400,000 vaccinated Australians who entered VA-X & Win, the competition. Mr Marchant, who is a self-confessed 'aviation buff' once held a commercial pilot's licence and prior to his retirement was a pilot. Mr Marchant's first priority is to use his Points to reconnect with friends and family he hasn't seen as a result of travel restrictions. Speaking from his home in Bonnet Hill, a short drive from Hobart, Mr Marchant said he couldn't believe his luck when he won. 'I'm incredibly humbled and still can't quite believe I've won one million Velocity Points! It's truly life changing. My wife and I. When I found out I won the million Points I reached out to my old school teacher who lives in Bournemouth England and we're going to go. To indulge in his passion for aviation, Mr Marchant plans on using some of his Points to touch down on New Zealand's South Island. 'The Queenstown approach by aircraft has always fascinated me and is something I've never done before. I still have a lot to learn. I strongly support people being vaccinated and it was wonderful Virgin Australia took on the role of promoting vaccination.'

### **Velocity Frequent Flyer CEO, Nick Rohrlach**

congratulated Mr Marchant on becoming a Velocity Points millionaire.

'It's not every day that we give away one million Points and it feels extra special to award them to someone who has lived a life of adventure.'

'We have an incredible list of international airline partners, so whether Ian wants to travel around Australia on Virgin Australia or internationally, we'll make it happen.'

Speaking of the competition results, Mr Rohrlach said: 'The VA-X & Win competition was one of the biggest vaccination drives we've ever run.'

'Virgin Australia has been a force for good in the community for 21 years and we are all so proud to have played a role in this.'

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### **MORE INFORMATION**

#### **To enter VA-X & Win, entrants had to:**

1. Receive both doses of a COVID-19 approved vaccine (in consultation with a health practitioner);
2. Visit [virginaustralia.com/vaxandwin](http://virginaustralia.com/vaxandwin);
3. Enter their name, email address and Velocity Frequent Flyer member number in the entry fields by midnight 31 December 2021;
4. Verify their vaccination status upon being notified of their winning entry.

#### **VA-X & Win total prize pool (valued at over \$150,000)**

- 1 x 1 million Velocity Frequent Flyer Points;
- 10 x 100,000 Velocity Frequent Flyer Points;
- 50 x 10,000 Velocity Frequent Flyer Points;
- 25 x return Virgin Australia Business Class flights;
- 50 x return Virgin Australia Economy flights;
- 30 x Virgin Australia Lounge memberships; and
- 85 x Virgin Australia pyjama sets.

**Where can Virgin Australia and its partners take you with one million Velocity Frequent Flyer Points?**

- 6 around the world tickets (Economy)\*;
- 64 return flights ? Hobart to Melbourne (Economy);
- 42 return flights - Sydney to Byron (Ballina) (Economy);
- 28 return flights ? Brisbane to Perth (Economy);
- 7 return flights ? Brisbane to Honolulu (Business class);
- 28 return flights ? Sydney to Nadi, Fiji (Economy); or
- 11 return flights ? Sydney to LA (Economy).

**Velocity Points redemption highlights**

<b>Route</b>	<b>Airline</b>	<b>One-Way Economy^ (Points, plus applicable taxes, fees and carrier charges)</b>	<b>One-Way Business^ (Points, plus applicable taxes, fees and carrier charges)</b>
Hobart to Sydney	Virgin Australia	11,800	23,500
Hobart to Melbourne	Virgin Australia	7,800	15,500
Hobart to Perth	Virgin Australia	17,800	35,500
Sydney to Nadi, Fiji**	Virgin Australia	17,800 (Economy Lite)	35,500
Sydney to Queenstown**	Virgin Australia	17,800 (Economy Lite)	35,500
Sydney to Paris	Etihad Airways	75,000	139,000

Sydney to Rome	Etihad Airways	75,000	139,000
Melbourne to Abu Dhabi	Etihad Airways	56,000	104,000
Sydney to London	Etihad Airways	75,000	121,000
Sydney to Singapore	Singapore Airlines	35,000	-
Melbourne to Singapore	Singapore Airlines	35,000	-
Singapore to London	Singapore Airlines	50,000	-
Sydney to Honolulu	Hawaiian Airlines	42,000	78,000
Honolulu to Kahului	Hawaiian Airlines	10,000	18,000
Vancouver to Calgary	Air Canada	10,000	18,000
Vancouver to Montreal	Air Canada	20,000	38,000
Johannesburg to Cape Town	South African Airways	14,000	26,000
Hong Kong to London	Virgin Atlantic	39,800	83,500

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\*Calculation is based on flight path of Sydney, Singapore, London, New York, Los Angeles, Sydney in Economy. Calculation is correct as at 28 February 2022 and is subject to change. Calculation is based on travel on Singapore Airlines and Delta, between specific routes. Virgin Australia Group's partnership with Delta will formally conclude on 12 June 2022, with United Airlines becoming the Group's primary American travel partner henceforth. \*\*Fiji and Queenstown: Points calculation based on a one-way Economy Lite fare from Sydney-Nadi and Sydney-Queenstown, booked at [virginaustralia.com](http://virginaustralia.com). Seat selection and checked baggage are not included in Economy Lite fares. Payment surcharge may apply. Subject to availability. Travel periods may apply. Points calculated in the examples are correct as at 28 February 2022. Full Terms and conditions at [virginaustralia.com](http://virginaustralia.com). ^Based on a one-way Reward Seat. Taxes, fees and carrier charges are payable in addition to the Points required, these are quoted at the time of booking and are subject to change. Points calculated in the examples are correct as at 28 February 2022. Seats are subject to availability which may be limited. Available travel dates will vary for each respective carrier. Full Terms and conditions at [virginaustralia.com](http://virginaustralia.com).

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