Have you recently started your training to fly gliders and are you eager to get past your first solo?

Your progress depends on how much time you can commit, the weather, the ability of the club to provide you with three to five flights per day and your own learning style and ability.

The more regularly you fly, the faster you will progress. Ideally you should attend your club every week or second week.

While this may be difficult for you to arrange, there is another way you can accelerate your learning - take an intensive training course.

**NSW**
**BATHURST SOARING CLUB**
bathurstsoaring.org.au

**CONTACT ARMIN KRUGER** 0477 945 387
kruisa@ozemail.com.au

The club offers courses for beginner pilots, running for six days, Sunday to Friday. Two courses are held per year, in March and October.

The training course includes:

- All course materials, log books, ‘Basic Gliding Knowledge’ textbook, lectures
- Launches - 20 launches to 2,000ft, or equivalent tows to a total of 40,000ft
- Glider hire
- Instruction (maximum three students per instructor)
- Three months membership to the Bathurst Soaring Club and Gliding Federation of Australia
- Bunkhouse accommodation and use of club facilities. Includes the use of kitchen, BBQ, TV, etc.

This course is for ab Initio (beginners) or early glider pilots with limited hours.

Cost: BSC Members $1,600 - Non Members $1,900

**LAKE KEEPIT SOARING CLUB**
keepitsoaring.com

**CONTACT CASEY LEWIS**
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Here at Lake Keepit we offer courses tailor made to the student. We offer the standard 5-day ab initio course during which a good proportion go solo. Those that don’t are a good way towards this goal.

This course covers the GFA syllabus to solo standard plus post solo supervision. We offer training to those who have become frustrated with their slow progress and come to us for an intensive ‘push’ to solo.
The training week’s activities are dictated by student assessment, and a progress plan is drawn up with the students to assist them in achieving their goals, such as flying solo.

We offer training/support to those who have gone solo and are working towards achieving their “C” certificate and first 50km.

This training week concentrates on post solo development. Student assessment dictates the syllabus, such as thermal centring/selection, good practice to achieve safe landing in unfamiliar areas, plus the “C” certificate syllabus.

We offer a 5-day “C” certificate onwards cross country course. This course will cover subjects needed for supported transition from solo to cross country flying. The course will include briefings, flying both dual and solo, debrief and flight evaluation.

We operate 365 days per year. Due to weather conditions at Lake Keepit, autumn, winter and spring are ideal times for ab initio training.

Courses are available throughout the year. We have a range of accommodation options from basic club style to ensuite.

**NSW/VICTORIA**

**SPORTAVIATION - TOCUMWAL**

**sportaviation.com.au**

**TEL: 03 5874 2734, MOBILE 0427 534 122**

SportAviation is situated in Tocumwal, New South Wales in Australia. We specialise in recreational aviation for both gliders and light sports aircraft.

We provide training for the beginner, and our friendly team will always make you feel welcome. We are open seven days a week, 364 days a year. We are closed Christmas Day. So visit us now and enjoy the thrill of flying.

With long summer days and world renowned gliding conditions, experience what pilots have known for about 35 years. We have packages for glider hire to suit beginners and experienced pilots alike. We also have highly experienced instructors and a management team that have been gliding in the Tocumwal region for over 28 years. Let us help you achieve your gliding goals.

Together with the relaxed Tocumwal atmosphere that pilots around the world have come to know and love, your stay will be an unforgettable experience.

Call us or make a booking through our web page

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

**NARROGIN GLIDING CLUB**

**narroginglidingclub.org.au**

**TEL 0407 088 314**

We offer full 5-day, live-in instructional courses that will advance your flying skills. They are generally limited to six students. At least two instructors and two training aircraft are used.

You can expect four or more flights each day and theory lectures at night.

You will learn quickly within this time, and some students even manage to go solo by the end of the course. Most others attain solo-status within the following few weeks during normal club operations depending on how often they come to fly.

If you already have some flying experience, we will tailor flying instruction to your skill level.

We offer two courses every year:

- **Easter Weekend - 4 or 5 days, Friday to Monday or Tuesday**
- **October School Holidays - 5 days Monday to Friday**

OR, if you can find three friends we will arrange a personalised course with timing to suit, for example, over two weekends.

Ab Initio (Flying) Course - $1,600 AUD
Casual gliding training and ratings such as touring motor glider, controlled airspace, outlanding checks etc are also available.

We can relocate to other airfields for groups wanting this training.

**QUEENSLAND**

**DARLING DOWNS SC**

ddsc.org.au

BOWENVILLE, QUEENSLAND 4404

The Darling Downs Soaring Club runs weekend and midweek courses, which are tailored to meet a wide variety of individual needs and expectations, while providing a challenging new experience of learning to fly a sailplane. Six-day courses are designed to progress you towards achieving solo flight. The club also runs a variety of shorter courses to cater for pilots with previous experience in either gliding or powered flight and for those wishing to experience some early flight training and then continue training at a later stage. For further information on club operations or courses, please contact the course coordinator at courses@ddsc.org.au or visit our website.

**Solo Quest** - This course involves 32 flights or a maximum of 12 hours to cover the training syllabus, plus reference materials and six nights basic accommodation in the bunkhouse. Occasionally available as an intensive week-long course, it can otherwise be undertaken over a series of weekends. Course costs are shown below.

Includes 3 months club membership, Students (under 26): $2020; Adult: $2350; Plus relevant GFA membership fee.