



GUIDE TO **INTENSIVE** **TRAINING COURSES**

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ACCELERATE YOUR LEARNING



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.

INTENSIVE TRAINING COURSES

A number of clubs offer courses, usually for five to seven days with 20 to 30 flights. Flying every day will help you learn quickly due to the regular theory and practical training with a small number of instructors - typically one or two - and focussed support.

Here are details of some intensive training options offered by clubs around the country. You don't need to be a member of the club holding the courses to take part. By visiting another club, you will also meet other fellow trainees and instructors and get a wider view of the gliding opportunities available for new pilots.

Even if you have already made good progress, a course can accelerate your learning and take your training to another level. Once you have completed your course, you can return to your club to consolidate your learning and continue to progress in your own environment.

To investigate the options available, contact the clubs listed and chat about your goals and needs.

NSW

BATHURST SOARING CLUB

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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

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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.



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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

VICTORIA BENALLA GLIDING CLUB OF VICTORIA

glidingclub.org.au

TEL 03 5762 1058

The Gliding Club of Victoria (GCV) is the largest gliding club in Australia, attracting pilots from around the globe to experience the area's world renowned flying conditions.

GCV offers intensive residential and non residential 7-day gliding packages.

Gliding Intensive training courses are the most time and cost efficient way of starting in the sport of gliding. Many potential glider pilots who join a local club and fly only on weekends can become frustrated with their slow progress due to the process of progression/regression - that is, their training progresses on the weekends and then regresses during the midweek lapse.

Priced at \$2,800 and held over seven days, the course provides 65,000ft of launch height, which translates to



approximately 30 to 35 flights, depending on individual progress. While we recommend that it be done within a single week, we are able to offer a 'flexi-fly' option in which you would fly seven days within a month. On average, a third of your launches will be to 2,000ft or above and the remainder to 1,500ft or lower for circuit practice.

The course also includes a 12-month full flying membership of the Gliding Club of Victoria and 12-month membership of the Gliding Federation of Australia. Included in the course fees are all the necessary books and notes, log book and air and ground tuition. Approximately 40 to 50% of students go solo within the seven days and of the remainder, most go solo within the following few weeks. If you go solo before the 65,000ft of height has been used, the remaining height can be used on your solo flights.

Accommodation is available on the airfield at a cost of \$25/night.

A deposit of \$400 is required when booking a course, with the remaining due at the commencement. This enables us to send you the course package so that it can be read prior to the course commencing.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA NARROGIN GLIDING CLUB

narroginglidingclub.org.au

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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



SOUTH AUSTRALIA ADELAIDE SOARING CLUB

adelaidesoaring.on.net

TEL 08 8522 1877

GAWLER AIRPORT

The Adelaide Soaring Club provides 5-day intensive ab initio gliding training courses at its Gawler airfield. Some scheduled courses will be advertised, but we can also arrange a course to suit your needs. Contact the club on 8522 1877 or adsoar@adsl.on.net for cost and availability.

AV8

av8.net.au

TEL - 0475 359 288 (0475 FLY AV8)

PARAFIELD AIRPORT, ADELAIDE

AV8 Flight Training is built on the belief that glider training should emphasise the manual.

Our Super Dimona is manufactured by Diamond Aircraft, one of the world's largest training aircraft manufacturers. Sailplanes capable of aerobatics and spins for further training are available.

If you are keen to enter the exciting world of flying sailplanes, we can help. The Super Dimona motorglider offers longer training flights, while only circuits are possible with pure gliders. This helps you progress faster. Pure glider training is also available with both winch and aerotow launching at one of our affiliated airfields.

Residential and non-residential courses are available with accommodation and meals included on the airport at Parafield, and pickup from Adelaide Airport, bus or train stations.

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

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