

THE NATIONALS



260 OF THE BEST "NOWAK"
PHOTOS WERE PROVIDED TO
THE CONTESTANTS FOR THEIR
OWN PERSONAL USE.

THANK GOODNESS ITS OVER

Two long weeks are finally over. Chad did remarkably well in his first major competition. He came 11th overall with a first on two days and second on one day. He never out-landed and learned some valuable lessons that he will take with him to other competitions. The main aim is always to be more consistent each day and to USE OXYGEN!!! Chad's flying mates came 3rd, 4th and 9th. Well done Chad!

The local newspaper published two of our photographs!!!

It is not surprising that everyone is very tired after two weeks of extreme temperatures. The locals cannot remember when the weather has been so uncomfortable for such a long period. Almost every day of competition was over 32 degrees with 3 days over 40 degrees. Chad was not happy to hear that gliders at Keepit seldom get the opportunity to climb up over 10,000 feet. As a result many clubs will now push to ensure that all club owned gliders are fitted with the same tie down points for oxygen bottles.

There are not many young glider pilots entering gliding as a sport. It is quite expensive to fly even if one does not own a glider. The sport must compete with simulated real time flying and other computer games.

The Australian glider squad is selected from the highest points gained by pilots over two years. Successful Australian pilots hire their gliders in countries where the "worlds" are held and are therefore disadvantaged. Many pilots use simulated computer games for months prior to flying in the "worlds".



UNDER COVER FROM THE SUN

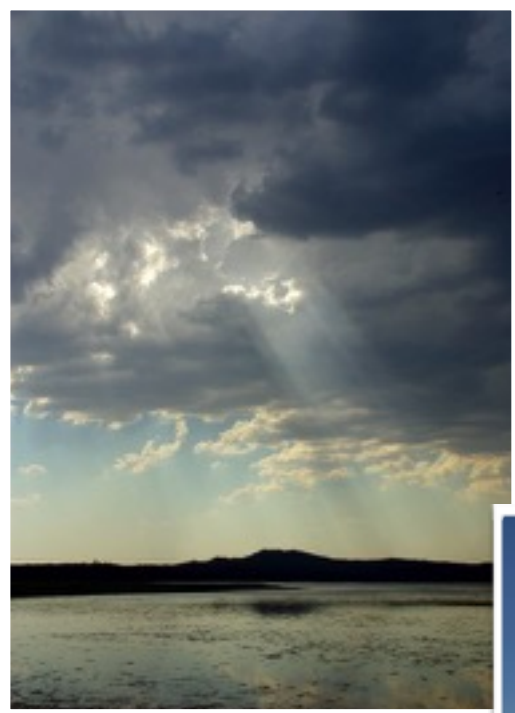
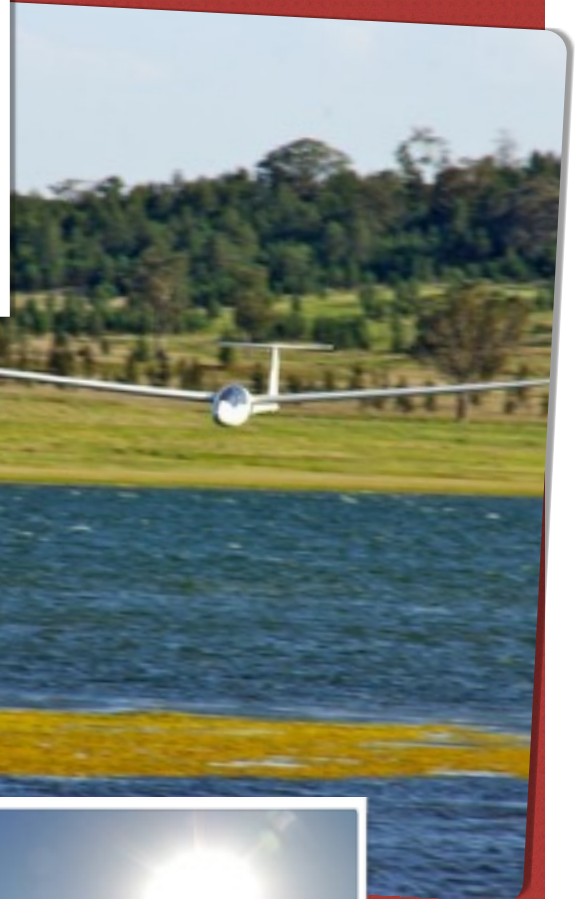
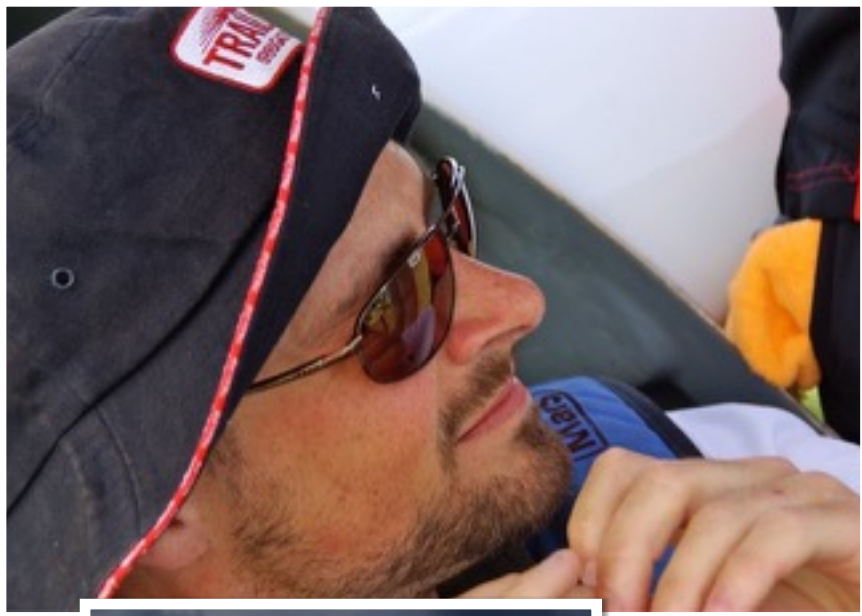


MEDIA EVENT



EXAMPLE OF AN OUT-LANDING

PHOTOS



KEEPIT IS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACES IN AUSTRALIA TO FLY GLIDERS. IT HAS AMPLE FLAT LAND TO OUT-LAND AND A MOUNTAINS RANGE WITH STUNNING SCENERY NEARBY AND OF COURSE IT HAS LAKE KEEPIT.