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# Queensland Hive Surveillance Program

## Launch of the Bee 123 portal.

Over the last week, the Executive team from the Queensland Beekeepers' Association (QBA) have provided consultation the Queensland Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAF) and Biosecurity Queensland across a number of matters to support the state and national response efforts to contain and eradicate varroa since its detection in the Port of Newcastle on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.

One of the QBA's top priorities was to support our state industry colleagues to undertake the necessary surveillance activities to check for presence of varroa mite, and for the industry to have an easy method to report the results of the surveillance activities. Ultimately the data collected from the hive surveillance activities could then be used to provide a level of reassurance that Queensland hives are currently free from varroa mite.

We're pleased to communicate news to our members and affiliate clubs that the new Queensland Hive Surveillance Program has been officially launched today via the release of the Bee 123 portal via the Survey 123 app.

### **What is the Bee 123 portal?**

The Bee 123 portal is an easy to use three step system that allows beekeepers to complete varroa mite surveillance activities (alcohol wash, drone uncapping etc) and report all findings (regardless of the outcome) through the new program.

The Bee 123 portal can be accessed through the Survey 123 app, which is available on Apple and Android devices, and is also accessible through a desktop computer or laptop.

The beauty of the Bee 123 program, is the Survey 123 app (the app that is used to access Bee 123 on Apple and Android devices) can be used in an off-line state (areas with no phone service). Once the beekeeper returns to a region with phone service, the app will automatically upload the reports that the beekeeper will have input into the app at the immediate completion of surveillance activities.

It is important to note, the Bee 123 portal also allows beekeepers to input data into the portal from hive surveillance activities that may have been completed in recent weeks.

### **QBA's Call to Action**

We're urging all beekeepers to urgently complete varroa mite surveillance activities (alcohol wash, drone uncapping etc) and report all findings (regardless of the outcome) through the new Bee 123 portal.

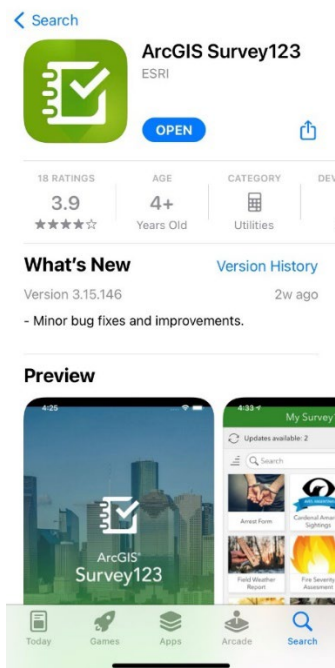
Beekeepers can start using the new Bee 123 portal once they've completed a few easy-to-follow steps.

We've put together an easy-to-follow guide to support industry in installing the app and downloading the Bee 123 portal.

### Step 1. How to Download the Survey 123 app

Beekeepers are asked to download the Survey 123 app by visiting either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store on their phone or tablet. Simply search 'Survey 123'

(The photo example below is from the Apple App Store).



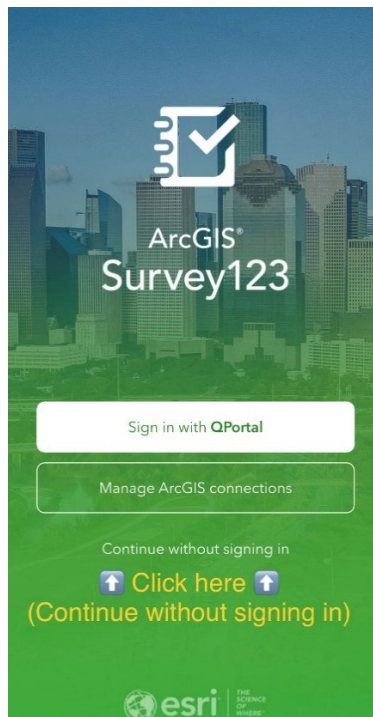
### Step 2. Download and Open the Survey 123 app

(Picture below of the home screen of the Survey 123 app)



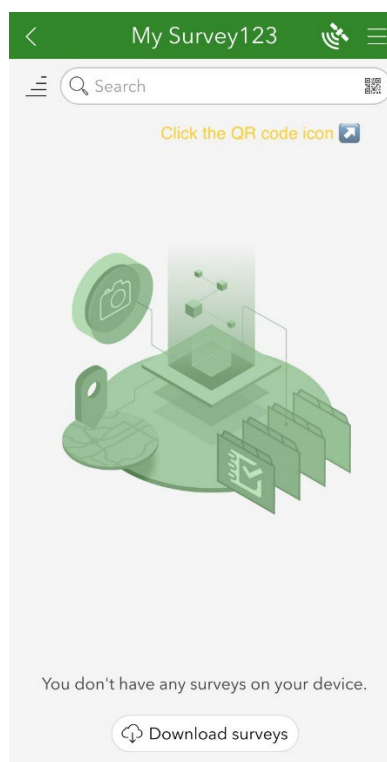
**Step 3. Click on the phrase 'Continue without signing in'**

(See photo below)



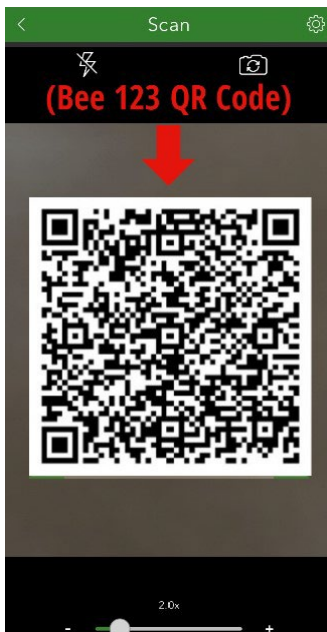
**Step 4. Click on the QR Code icon**

(See photo below)



### Step 5. Scan the Bee 123 Portal QR Code

(The Survey 123 app will automatically open the phone or tablet camera to scan the QR code)



(If you're device has trouble with the QR code in the photo above, please scan the QR code below)



### Step 6. Start to Upload Your Surveillance Activity Results

For more information relating to the varroa response efforts in Queensland please visit the Daf Engagement Hub: <https://daf.engagementhub.com.au/varroa-mite>

The QBA Varroa Mite Portal is accessible through the QBA Members Website. Please click the follow link to visit our page: [Queensland Beekeepers' Association Inc - QBA Varroa Mite Portal \(qbabees.org.au\)](https://qbabees.org.au)