

# Biosecurity

There's an app for that!



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With smartphones becoming more prevalent there are a number of apps that can support on-farm biosecurity. This factsheet will profile three of the options currently available.

## Farm Biosecurity

The Farm Biosecurity app can be used by growers to quickly and easily pull together a farm biosecurity plan.

The app takes growers through 6 key risk areas, with a range of pre-populated actions to support biosecurity risk reduction.

Alison Saunders, National Manager Horticulture at Plant Health Australia (PHA), says that the app is framed around the six biosecurity essentials.

"If you are wondering how to implement biosecurity measures on-farm, the six essentials are a good place to start. The app is based on the Farm Biosecurity Action Planner, so no matter how you prefer to do business, you will be able to create a plan and get started," said Ms Saunders.



## Farm Check-In

One of the critical elements in managing biosecurity on farm is being able to track who has been on your property and when. We have seen this with COVID-19 and the check-in apps in shops and café's but often on farm we rely on text messages from service providers or visitor books in the office. Surely there is an easier way.



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While only currently available in Queensland the Farm Check-In app from the Queensland Department of Agriculture & Fisheries (QDAF). This app uses a QR code at the front gate that directs visitors to an online form through the QDAF website. Visitors are encouraged to check-in at the farm gate to help minimise the risk of pests and diseases from entering or spreading on the property. The Farm Check-In form helps visitors recognise biosecurity risks and take appropriate actions to meet their general biosecurity obligation (The Queensland equivalent of the General Biosecurity Duty GBD). Stay tuned as this app is expected to rolled out in other states soon.



For more details head to the Farm Biosecurity website here:  
<https://www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/on-farm-biosecurity-theres-an-app-for-that/>



To preview the app head to the QDAF website:  
<https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/onfarmbiosecurity/farm-biosecurity-planning>

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## onside

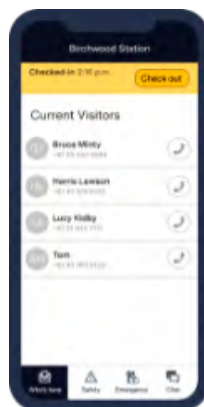
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Onside is a solution built for farmers by farmers. The app allows contractors and service providers check in from their phone when they arrive at your property. While it can support a QR code check in (like the COVID apps) it also works off the phones GPS to find the right property to check in at.



Onside can be set up to display any WHS or biosecurity information you need to those arriving at your property. This can include important information such as speed limits or wash down requirements or any questions you may need to ask visitors to your site (e.g. have you been in an at-risk area, paid version only). This speeds up your induction process for new

visitors and provides a good reminder of your requirements for returning visitors.



This digital sign-in this allows the property owner or manager real-time visibility of who is on their property. This also reduces documentation issues as the app collates all this visitor information for you.

Onside has a range of features that can be used in the management of task assignment, risk identification on your property, and many more.



For further details you can check out their website here:  
<https://getonside.com/au/>



You can also learn about how Redbank Farming in Tasmania's NW have used Onside in their farm business:  
<https://getonside.com/au/case-studies/redbank-farming/>

**If you are unsure where to start with Onside or other apps, your biosecurity plan, or any other biosecurity issues VegNET Tasmania can help.  
Contact Ossie Lang for assistance on 0430 380 414 or [ossiel@rmcg.com.au](mailto:ossiel@rmcg.com.au)**

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