

## Farm Forestry Field Days – April 2021

Coorong District LAP supported two Farm Forestry Field Days held in Meningie and Sherlock/Karoonda on 19 and 20 April 2021.

Rowan Reid, a specialist forestry scientist was brought over from Victoria to discuss and demonstrate farm forestry techniques relating to farm forestry establishment, maintenance and end-use of products.

Several established farm forestry plantations of varying ages and tree species were visited with discussion had at each site regarding where to site your plantation, species selection, establishment, management, harvesting, processing, and marketing.

A mobile milling demonstration was carried out at the Council owned woodlot on Fiebig Road, Meningie. Wayne Brown and Jim Grope, owners of the Lucas Portable Mill, demonstrated how the mill works producing several cut lengths of timber from the felled tree. A great deal of interest was shown in this aspect of the field days.

Included in two of the site visits were Agro-forestry Development Species Demonstration sites looking at various *Eucalyptus* species of varying age classes.

A total of 40 people attended both days.



*Above: Inspection of Eucalyptus cladocalyx (Sugar gum) at an Agro-forestry Development Species Demonstration site.*



*Above: Demonstration of a Lucas Portable Mill.*