

# Handling firewood across Australia

TAFJUN'S Big Brother firewood processor range is ideally suited for cutting Australian hardwood and has many satisfied customers across the country.

Logs are loaded, cut and then split four or six ways, depending on the size.

The split log then falls onto an elevating conveyor and is loaded directly onto a truck or trailer.

With its independent hydraulic power, the Big Brother range can produce on average between 5-10 cubic metres of firewood per hour.

Michael Wild operates a firewood cutting business in Brisbane and said his purchase of a Big Brother over 12-months ago has been a great investment.

"It's the best machine I've

ever used and is excellent value for money," Michael said.

"It's capable of processing a couple of cubic metres of wood in about 20 minutes, if you need it to."

He added the Big Brother will cut all types of wood from red gum to iron bark with ease and is safe, versatile and economical.

"I can work on it by myself

or with a few other people (if I need to get the work done quicker)," he said.

"In winter time, I cut firewood every day, so I need something that's reliable and this machine is perfect."

Andy Micah is a semi-retired saw-miller and decided to purchase a Big Brother to clear his 200-acre bush block in Erica and "make a dollar on the side".

"I've had the Big Brother for a year now and it's perfect for use on a hobby farm, plus it's safe enough to use by myself," Andy said.

"I'm able to clear my land and make a profit from the firewood too."

He said the Big Brother is a well-designed unit and very user-friendly.

"I've cut all types of hardwood, including Messmate, Stringybark and gums with no problems at all," he said.

Marian Kranc of Tajfun Australia, (the sole Australian distributor of Tajfun's products), said he

has even sold the firewood processors overseas to New Zealand.

Tajfun Australia also offers the latest in radio remote controlled winching systems.

The Wombat Logging Winches are the only radio remote controlled rescue and recovery type of equipment in Australia and is strongly recommended

for any difficult recovery operations.

Radio remote can be operated within a 200 metre radius and with 150 metres of wire, or Kevlar rope, the winch is both safe and reliable.

The system is being used in Qld and NT for the retention of wire systems by a private contractor who is impressed by the safety,

ability and precision of the machine.

Ian Cobb, site manager of Balsa Wood Plantations in Kopopo, Papua New Guinea, has purchased a logging winch too and said he is extremely happy with its performance and ability.

For more details, see Marian at Warragul Farm World at site 539 or contact him on 0411 603553.

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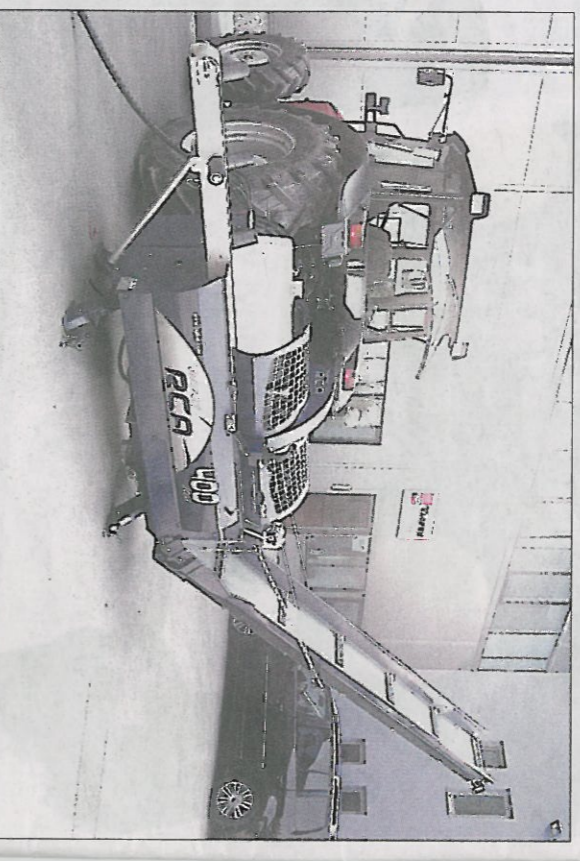
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CUTTING POWER: The Big Brother RCA JOY 400 firewood processor.

## New research effort needed for primary industries

THE clear need for a major research effort and more-efficient and coordinated research in order to respond to the impacts of climate change on primary industries in Australia was highlighted at the annual conference of the Australian Agricultural and Resources Economists' Society in Cairns recently.

"Food security, water scarcity and declining agricultural productivity growth in the face of climate change pose real challenges for Australia," one of the speakers at the conference, executive director of Land and Water Australia, Dr Michael Robinson, said.

"These challenges warrant smarter and more-efficient research efforts. Opportunities abound for research on these issues to be more strategically coordinated."

Professor Ross Garnaut told the conference Australia needed to ramp up its research effort, and outlined four major research priorities:

1. Climate science in the Southern Hemisphere.

2. Understanding the regional impacts of climate change to inform adaptation: where, when and how

climate change will impact.

3. Measuring, accounting systems, mapping and maximising bio-sequestration (carbon storage) opportunities in rural Australia. The storage of carbon in trees and soil has huge market potential for rural Australia, he said.

4. Climate policy development, linking the climate change research more closely with climate policy.

Dr Robinson said the issues highlighted by Professor Garnaut and others at the conference "are critically important if we are to meet the challenges of climate change in Australia, especially given the global financial crisis and the global food crisis."

Other major issues raised at the conference, sponsored by Land and Water Australia, included the need for smart science to inform water trading, the need for strong monitoring and evaluation, understanding our role in global food security, the use of market-based instruments, and the need to value our ecosystems.

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