

Metro Excavations upgrades to 20” Bandit chipper

Terry Cockayne, owner of Sydney based Metro Excavations, ordered his Bandit 1990XP, 20” capacity chipper with all the good options including Radio Remote Control of all functions, and the Hydraulic winch.

“We’re blown away by what this chipper can do, it’s one kick-ass machine! “ Terry told us. “The remote control feature is unreal; we can operate the chipper from the cab of the excavator - away from the dust, noise and weather. The hydraulic leg at the front is worth its weight in gold. No more winding up and down like the old jockey wheels.”

Metro’s new Bandit 1990XP features a strong 213HP CAT engine. Having upgraded from a competitor’s 330hp drum chipper to Bandit’s 1990XP, Terry thought he would notice the decrease in horsepower, but he tells us the Bandit’s huge 37” diameter, heavier drum more than makes up for the difference.

With a massive chipper opening behind the feed rollers of 26“ high x 24” wide, Terry says his machine is so wide at the back that forky, difficult material like Radiata Pine is crushed and fed with ease.

“The 32” wide feed rollers and big hydraulic motor smash the forks out easily. The feed system is miles better than our old chipper,” Terry confirmed.

“We recently did a crane job lifting trees out whole and used the chipper’s winch to bring them up in one hit. These things were 20” diameter wide and 30 feet long and the chipper fed them really well.” Terry continued.

”No effort was required. I could just sit back with the Radio Remote Control in the cab of the excavator and load the logs onto the chipper. Pushing levers and watching the chipper do the rest is not back-breaking work. It’s almost too easy!”

The OMNEX brand Radio Remote Control factory fitted to Terry’s Bandit 1990XP chipper controls all functions of the machine including - feed roller direction, engine RPM, discharge chute swivel and height adjustment, hydraulic winch functions, top feed roller lift and crush and the Emergency Stop.

“The Radio Remote is my little mate,” Terry told us. “I wouldn’t be without it!”

Terry Cockayne from Metro Excavations has more than 15 years’ experience in the tree industry, particularly with land clearing projects. He can be contacted on 0434 502 782.



Terry Cockayne from Metro Excavations using his chipper remote control from his excavator cab



Metro Excavations' new Bandit Model 1990 drum chipper