



**FIGURE 6.** SEM images of *Tropidomyrmex elianae* gen. & sp. n. paratype male (wings excluded). A, head in full face view; B, lateral view; C, mesosoma in dorsal view..

Sting apparatus (Fig. 5). Spiracular plate subrectangular, extending towards the medial connection; margin of medial connection sclerotized; dorsal notch absent; spiracle relatively wide and set close to the posterior margin of plate; anterior apodeme narrow and largely angulate medially; ventral edge weakly pronounced. Quadrate plate with the dorsal region as broad as ventral region, except for the apodeme; apodeme area smaller than the plate body; dorsal margin convex; apex of anterodorsal corner rounded;