



## **MINEX NEWS <sup>1</sup>**

### **'Just MINEX'**

**B**ack in the day (early 1980's), MINEX wanted to produce more of the renowned sports team printed tops and approached the usual supplier. One of the MINEX Committee Members was charged with the very important task of collecting the money, discussing numbers, finalising the design and organising delivery. The supplier called, in order to get the final approval before pressing the print button and had a single clarification. The unnamed MINEX Committee Member was very frustrated with the question and gave a very short sharp answer. Forward a few weeks and the sports tops were delivered with the 'Just MINEX' logo printed as an error. The tops became something 'cool' to have and were coveted by non-miners too. If you have one of these limited-edition tops, let us know so we can get a picture.

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## MINEX NEWS<sup>2</sup>

### 'Underground SMRG'

**B**ack in the day (late 1980's), the postgraduates lived and worked in the MINEX Building basement, surrounded by all the laboratory and mining equipment associated with the Strata Mechanics Research Group (SMRG). It was a 'spit and sawdust' kind of environment, but a great place to hide from the lecturers and Terry Thomas, who almost never ventured down there. The postgraduates loved it down there, made it home, got a coffee machine and couch. One even lived there for a period of time. Rude nicknames were often shouted from the many nooks and crannies. Gold always floats to the bottom during mineral processing and the waste floats to the top, and the same analogy was applied to the department - The lecturers were all on the third floor and the postgraduates/technicians were deemed bottom feeders. This was the environment that the subversive 'Underground SMRG' publication was born. More to follow.....

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