STEPHEN SZABO

About Stephen

Stephen is a native Sydney-sider who had a passing interest in heraldry for many years, in part through his involvement with medieval re-enactment.

Graduating from the University of Sydney in 1990 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, Stephen has pursued a career in the NSW public sector as an administrator. In this time he has continued to maintain his interest in matters historical and, since 1997, especially in matters heraldic.

Stephen's particular area of interest is heraldic use and display in 19th and 20th century Australia.

He is Hon Secretary of The Australian Heraldry Society and the editor of that society's journal; a member of the History Advisory Panel of the New South Wales Heritage Council; a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, and a member of various heraldry and historic societies. He also works as a heraldic consultant, providing advice on heraldic matters, including identification of arms on artefacts and designing arms.

Over the past decade Stephen has spoken on heraldry to various groups, including the Blue Mountains Historical Society, The Royal Commonwealth Society, The Richard III Society, The Jane Austen Society of Australia, the Sydney Society For Scottish History, the Australian Society of Archivists NSW Chapter, and the Royal Australian Historical Society. Apart from numerous articles published in *Heraldry News*, the journal of The Australian Heraldry Society, Stephen has had heraldic articles published in *The Sydneian, The Justice of the Peace, Tak Tent* (the newsletter of the Heraldry Society of Scotland) and the *Association for Canadian Studies in Australia and New Zealand Newsletter*.

His topic

Heraldry and the genealogist
All levels

This presentation will look at a variety of ways in which genealogists can use heraldry, and specifically coats of arms, in order to give further depth to their family history. It will also give guidance on how to avoid some of the common pitfalls encountered in employing heraldry in family history.