

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Petersen, Alicia Teresa Jane O'Shea

(1862 - 1923)

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**Born** 2 July, 1862, Broadmarsh Tasmania Australia

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**Died** 22 January, 1923, Tasmania

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**Occupation** Political candidate

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### Summary

Alicia Petersen grew up in a small rural community in Tasmania, and worked in the clothing industry. She was a speaker for the Citizens' Social and Moral Reform League in 1906, and a member of the Women's Political Association, but maintained a non-party stance. Petersen was a founder and life-president of the Australian Women's Association, and the first woman in Tasmania to stand as a political candidate. In 1913 she contested the federal seat of Denison but her campaign was sabotaged by the press. She stood again, unsuccessfully, in 1922.

### Published resources

#### Edited Book

200 Australian Women: A Redress Anthology, Radi, Heather, 1988

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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