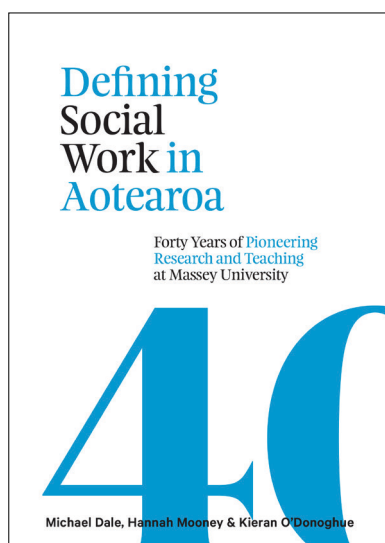




# Defining Social Work in Aotearoa New Zealand

*Forty Years of Pioneering Research and Teaching at Massey*

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It also casts a critical eye over the key issues and trends that continue to preoccupy the profession, policy-makers, politicians, the media and, indeed, the general populace. Its detailed bibliography highlights the remarkable and influential body of work of Massey social work students, staff and alumni since 1976.

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