



TOP IRISH DANCERS

THE flying feet of Darlinghurst Irish dancer Aisling Rudge and partners Caitlin Apcar and Thea Ross (pictured right) earned a top-10 finish in the NSW Ceili Championships this month. Aisling, who trains at McMahon School of Irish dancing, finished ninth in the under-13 three-hand teams event.



MILLAR'S SEXY WIN

PLAYWRIGHT Damien Millar has won this year's prestigious Griffin Theatre Company Award with his stage adaptation of Kenneth Cain's book, *Emergency Sex (and Other Desperate Measures)*. *Emer-*



Millar.

gency Sex tells the true stories of Ken, Heidi and Andrew, who were United Nations workers in Cambodia, Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Rwanda and Liberia during the 1990s and early 2000s. *Emergency Sex* is the first novel adaptation to win the award in its 10-year history. Millar said the win was enormously gratifying. "It's one of the most narratively dense memoirs that I have come across."

LAYERS TO SUCCESS

PADDINGTON local Kirsten Pieterse is one of 37 finalists in this year's Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, selected from more than 415 entries. Pieterse said her sculpture was inspired by shape and form in topography and landscape. "It's built up in a series of

layers so it's like a topographical map," she said. "It's just meant to be representative of that but also as an expression of ideas." Pieterse was also a finalist in the NSW Art Gallery's Dobell prize for drawing and is holding an exhibition from November 14 to December 9 at Martin Browne Fine Art, 57-59 Macleay Street, Potts Point. The sculpture finalists from last year will be displayed in shopfronts along New South Head Road from early October. For more information phone Woollahra Council on 9391 7000 or visit www.woollahra.nsw.gov.au.