



New-look Jets rock on

LINE-up changes have not stopped Newcastle rockers The Screaming Jets.

Following the departure of long-time guitarist Grant Walmsley last year, Dave Gleeson (vocals) and Paul Woseen (bass) are the only remaining original members of the band, which was founded in 1989.

The Screaming Jets are still in action with Scotty Kingman on guitar, Izmet Osmanovich on guitar and Mick Sayers on drums.

Walmsley says it's too soon to tell whether he and singer Dave Gleeson will perform together again.

Their split marks the end of one of the longest-running and most successful partnerships in Australian pub rock.

"At this point I don't know if we will play again together," Walmsley, 38, said.

"I've had such a deep friendship with Gleeso since 1981 that I hope our future discussions will lead to a resolution we can all be comfortable with. I am optimistic."

Gleeson, also 38, echoed Walmsley's views on the split but would not give a specific reason why the

relationship had broken down.

"Since we finished the album in Melbourne in 2006 it's been a parting of the ways and a realisation that after 17 years some relationships just don't work out," Gleeson said.

"But the band continues on. Scotty Kingman, who engineered the album, is playing in the band now. Maybe it will work out one day but at the moment we are in different directions."

The band will perform at Doyalson-Wyee RSL Club on November 28. Tickets cost \$25.



PHILOSOPHICAL: Screaming Jets frontman Dave Gleeson. — *Picture by Wayne Venables*