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Get set for the Jets

By **LUCY HEUSTON**

IT'S sweaty, hot and your mission statement is to rock, that's what rock and roll is all about according to Australian music legend Dave Gleeson of the Screaming Jets.

One of Australia's profound pub rock bands for the past 18 years, the Screaming Jets might have been around for a long-time but they still know what the true meaning of rock is.

Banging the music out for nearly two decades, Gleeson admits that it's only when he thinks about the timeframe it does feel that long.

"When you sit and think about it and what we were doing in the 90s, it does, but when you get on that stage it's like no time has passed at all," he said.

Back on the road again to promote their first album in eight years, the boys from Newcastle are showing a new generation what a mosh-pit is really for.

The original boys from Newcastle, long before Silverchair, Gleeson said although the guys have now moved to different corners of the Earth it's just like the good-old days.

"We still get together to rock and sweat it out," Gleeson said.

He does admit as the years have gone by the guys have matured in the song-writing and grown.

"Yeah we've matured, hopefully there is sophistication in our song-writing and it has grown with us, but there is stuff from the past that makes us cringe," Gleeson said. Now with a new generation of people listening to their music, Gleeson believes it's important the youth know what true rock is.

"You don't really hear Aussie rock anymore, Silverchair's last album, doesn't matter what anyone says, was not a rock album; they might have a drum out here or there but it wasn't rock," Gleeson said.

"That's why we went back to the studio and made our album true rock with big guitar, big drums and big vocals."

Gleeson said he believes that the art of the album is dying with the 'single' taking over.

"It's now a single dominated industry; there is no real idea what a real album really is," he said.

The Screaming Jets will be stopping in Mackay as part of their new tour and will play at the Andergrove Tavern on December 18.

