

Adam rocks to a new tune

NEVER judge a book by its cover for, indeed, perceptions can be misleading.

Talk of singer Adam Thompson usually recalls some over-the-top moment in his career as resident madman and lead singer with Chocolate Starfish.

After launching its career with a version of the Carly Simon tune *You're So Vain*, the band went on to have six Top 40 singles and two Top 10 albums.

With outlandish make-up and clothes, suggestive lyrics, high voltage rock tunes and an energetic stage presence, Adam Thompson was, by all appearances, "Mr Rock".

"When it ended, I did not want to just sing in a covers band," Thompson said.

"I wanted my career to take another step."

Since his band broke up, Thompson has worked as a corporate

motivational speaker, taught music in outback Aboriginal communities, booked bands at a top tourist resort and recorded a new album in Stockholm.

The album, *Reconnected*, is the singer's first release in six years and he is thrilled with the results.

"I always thought I had much more to contribute than just being the lead singer of Chocolate Starfish," he said.

"I was no longer interested in being a rock 'n' roll bad boy.

"I just did not feel like that any more and could not write songs along those lines."

The singer said his new views, outlooks and inspirations could all be found in the songs on *Reconnected*.

Reconnected is out now.

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Plenty to offer: Adam Thompson.