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Hank's 'lost' daughter heading Down Under

She's the lovechild – and only daughter – of late, great American country music icon Hank Williams and she's coming to the Country Music Capital of Australia to start her first Down Under tour.

The product of a brief relationship between marriages with Hank and Nashville secretary Bobbie Webb Jett, Antha Belle Jett came into the world on January 6, 1953 – just

five days after her father was found dead in the back seat of his 1952 baby blue Cadillac.

Jett's story has all the ingredients of a great country song – but for her, it's not just another rags-to-riches, orphan Annie saga – it's real life.

Hank Williams, who's widely recognised as one of the most significant and influential American singer-songwriters of the 20th century, had a string of hits including *Your Cheatin' Heart*, *Kaw-Liga*, *Cold, Cold Heart*, *Move It On Over* and *Take These Chains From My Heart*.

Ironically, among the tracks laid down at his final recording session in September 1952 was the hauntingly prophetic *I'll Never Get Out Of This World Alive*.

Jett didn't find out who her father was until the early 1980s, and a legal battle followed. To say Hank Williams Jr was not keen to welcome her to the family fold was somewhat of an understatement ...

It wasn't until 1985 that the courts recognised her as Hank's only daughter – and with it granted her a 50 per cent share of his estate, from 1985, when her claim was lodged.

All the while, Jett pursued her ambition of becoming a country singer like her dad, and has performed with his band members, the Drifting Cowboys, on a number of occasions singing his songs.

In 1990, Jett published her biography, *Ain't Nothin' As Sweet As My Baby* – the title taken from the 1951 song written by her father and recorded by Carl Smith.

This is Jett's first visit to Australia and she's keen to meet fans of her father's, and make some new friends and fans of her own, starting in Tamworth, Australia's Country Music Capital.

Together with Australia's own version of The Drifting Cowboys and Terry Gordon OAM, Jett kicks off her tour at Wests, Tamworth's premier venue, on Thursday, October 12 and winds up close to the time Australia stands still for a horse race, with later dates to be confirmed shortly.

On October 29, Jett will make her only Down Under festival appearance, performing at the fifth annual 2017 Clarence Valley Country Muster at Ulmarra, near Grafton, NSW.

To learn more about Jett's extraordinary story, or to arrange an interview, please phone Terry Gordon on 0412 977 822.

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