

**Location Name - Big Bell**

Big Bell  
Big Bell, WA 6440

**Region:** Midwest  
**Location ID:** 10104686

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**AKA:** (Ghost Town)

**Website:**  
Shire of Cue

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**Styles:** Period 1920s-1930s, Period 1940s / WWII

**Categories:**

BARS / PUBS / HOTELS - \*  
CITIES / TOWNS / SUBURBS - \*  
CITIES / TOWNS / SUBURBS - Western / Ghost Towns  
HOTELS / MOTELS - \*  
HOUSING - \*  
LANDSCAPES - \*  
LANDSCAPES - Plains / Savannahs  
LANDSCAPES - Bushland / Scrub  
DOUBLES AS - Afghanistan  
HERITAGE - \*  
LANDSCAPES - Red Dirt  
HOUSING - Abandoned

**Description:**

Big Bell is a ghost town in Western Australia near the town of Cue, established in 1936, and was home to the Big Bell Gold Mine. Mining ceased in 2003 and the plant was dismantled and transported to the Westonia minesite in 2007. It is a

former railway branch terminus in Western Australia's Murchison Region. The first train arrived in Big Bell on 6 January 1937, however the line was not officially opened until 12 August that year. Services ceased from September 1944, but were revived the following year when the war in Europe was winding down and the gold mine reopened. The line finally closed on 31 December 1955. Not much of the buildings remain, but the roads stay visible in their original position as dirt tracks. It is very visible from an aerial view. The Big Bell hotel reputedly had the longest bar in Australia. Big Bell is 30 minutes east of Cue and 1.15 hour north east of Mount Magnet. Cue is a 7 hour drive north east of Perth.

**General Notes:**

The Big Bell Gold Mine is a gold mine located at Big Bell, 24 km north-west of Cue, Western Australia. The mine was owned and operated by Harmony Gold at the time of its closure in June 2003, having produced 2.6 million ounces of gold during its lifetime, but was sold to Aragon Resources Limited in January 2010. The mine was, for a short time in 2008, owned by Monarch Gold Mining Company Ltd, who went into administration in June 2008. Big Bell never entered production under Monarch's ownership. In January 2010, the mine was sold to Aragon Resources Limited for A\$3 million, who chose to rename the project to Murchison Bell. The mine was initially sold to Fulcrum Resources, which was quickly acquired by Aragon. Aragon Resources Limited was acquired by Westgold Resources Limited in May 2011, with the Big Bell mine falling under their Central Murchison Gold Project.

**Jurisdictions::**

Mid West Development Commission, Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation, Shire of Cue

**GPS Source:**

Google Maps (interactive), x coordinate: -27.3301008, y coordinate: 117.6666809

**Ownership:** Private

No Contacts

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