

WESTPAC BANKING CORP  
Form 6-K  
November 23, 2004

## FORM 6-K

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

### Report of Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

November 23, 2004

## WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

60 MARTIN PLACE, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES 2000, AUSTRALIA

(Address of principal executive offices)

[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports  
under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.]

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Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Act of 1934.]

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	<b>Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share plan option</b> November 2, 2004 through November 18, 2004.
2	<b>Performance Share Right Grant</b> Westpac Performance Plan (Series 208 & 308) dated November 5, 2004.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

Date: November 23, 2004

By: /s/ Manuela Adl  
Manuela Adl  
SVP & Chief Operating Officer