

WESTPAC BANKING CORP  
Form 6-K  
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 20549

**FORM 6-K**

**Report of Foreign Issuer**

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

January 7, 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)

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[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Act of 1934.]

Yes  No

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	<i>Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share plan options</i> Announcements dated November 14, 2003 through December 30, 2003.

**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: January 7, 2004

By: /s/ MANUELA ADL

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Manuela Adl  
SVP & Chief Operating Officer

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