

WESTPAC BANKING CORP
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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 1, 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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[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.]

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Yes No

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| Exhibit No. | Description |
|------------------------|--|
| 1 | Issues of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share plan option July 1, 2004 through October 28, 2004 |
| 2 | Option Grant Westpac Performance Plan (series 126) dated September 3, 2004 |
| 3 | Performance Share Right Grant Westpac Performance Plan (series 207 & 307) dated September 3, 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 1, 2004

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