

WESTPAC BANKING CORP  
Form 6-K  
December 30, 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**

**December 30, 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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this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to

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

Yes                      o                      No                      ý

[If Yes is marked, indicate the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with  
Rule 12g3-2(b):82-     ]

**Index to Exhibits**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	<b>Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share plan option</b> Announcements from November 23 through December 30, 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: December 30, 2004

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