

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

November 3, 2008

Commission File Number 1-10167

## WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

275 KENT STREET, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES 2000, AUSTRALIA

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes                                        No                   

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Media Release Appointment of St. George Chairman and Directors to Westpac Board

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 3, 2008

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