

WESTPAC BANKING CORP
Form 6-K
May 10, 2005

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**

May 10, 2005

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.]

Form 20-F

Form 40-F

[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in

Index to Exhibits

The information contained in the Exhibit to this Form 6-K shall be incorporated by reference in the prospectus relating to the Registrant's debt securities contained in the Registrant's Registration statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-10546), as such prospectus may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

**Exhibit
No.**

Description

1 Profit Announcement for six months ended 31 March 2005, prepared for distribution in the U.S.

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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: May 10, 2005

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