

WESTPAC BANKING CORP
Form 6-K
June 05, 2006

UNITED STATES
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**

June 5, 2006

Commission File Number 1-10167

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 No

If **Yes** is marked, indicate the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with

Rule 12g3-2(b):82-____

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Exhibit

No. Description

1 Media Release Westpac launches *earth*: the first value rewards credit card

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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: June 5, 2006

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

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