WESTPAC BANKING CORP Form 6-K November 01, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

October 31, 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 office)

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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: October 31, 2006 By: /s/ Manuela Adl

Manuela Adl

SVP & Chief Operating Officer