WESTPAC BANKING CORP Form 6-K May 16, 2003

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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 15, 2003

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 ý Form 40-F o [Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in 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-]

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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 15, 2003 By: /s/ MANUELA ADL

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Manuela Adl SVP & Chief Operating Officer

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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
99.1	Half-year profit results for the period ending March 31, 2003.
99.2	Interim Financial Report March 31, 2003.
99.3	Auditors' Awareness Letter.
99.4	Amended and Restated Subordinated Indenture.

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