

WESTPAC BANKING CORP
Form 6-K
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UNITED STATES
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 2, 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 office)

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Index to Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 1 | Media Release St.George/Westpac merger Scheme Booklet released |
| 2 | Scheme Booklet |
| 3 | Scheme Booklet Supplement |

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 2, 2008

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