WESTPAC BANKING CORP
Form 6-K
August 17, 2007

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

August 17, 2007

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)

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   ___X___   Form 40-F   _____

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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   ___X___

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

The information contained in Exhibit 1 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. 1   Media Release: 17 August 2007   Westpac Appoints Gail Kelly as Chief Executive Officer

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.

<u>WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION</u>
(Registrant)

Date: August 17, 2007   By: /s/ Manuela Adl
                                         Manuela Adl
                                         SVP & Chief Operating Officer