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**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

May 16, 2013

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

Form 40-F

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Yes

No

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The information contained in this Report on Form 6-K, excluding the information set forth in Exhibit No. 1, shall be incorporated by reference in the prospectuses relating to the Registrant's debt securities contained in the Registrant's Registration Statements on Form F-3 (File Nos. 333-185478 and 333-172579), as such prospectuses may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

On May 16, 2013, Westpac announced the appointment of Peter Marriott to the Westpac Board. Mr Marriott's appointment will become effective on June 1, 2013.

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Exhibit

No.	Description
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1	Media Release: Appointment of Peter Marriott to the Westpac Board
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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: May 16, 2013

By: /s/ Sean Crellin

Sean Crellin

Director, Legal

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MEDIA
RELEASE

16 MAY 2013

APPOINTMENT OF PETER MARRIOTT TO THE WESTPAC BOARD

Westpac Banking Corporation announces the appointment of Peter Marriott to the Westpac Board. Mr Marriott's appointment will become effective on 1 June 2013.

Mr Marriott has over 30 years' experience in senior management roles in the finance industry encompassing international banking, finance and auditing.

Westpac Chairman, Lindsay Maxsted, welcomed Mr Marriott's appointment saying "Peter's proven track record in leadership within the financial services sector and extensive financial management experience will complement the skills and experience of the existing Directors".

Mr Marriott joined Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (ANZ) in 1993 and held the role of Chief Financial Officer for 15 years from 1997 to May 2012. Prior to his career at ANZ, Mr Marriott was a banking and finance and audit and consulting partner at KPMG Peat Marwick.

Mr Marriott has been a Non-executive Director of ASX Limited (and Chairman of the Board Audit & Risk Committee) since 1 July 2009. This appointment has involved Mr Marriott acting as a Director on the ASX Group Clearing and Settlement Boards and as Chairman of Austraclear Limited. Mr Marriott was formerly a Director of ANZ National Bank Limited in New Zealand and various ANZ subsidiaries.

Mr Marriott holds a Bachelor of Economics from Monash University (Hons) and is a Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.

Mr Marriott will be an independent Non-executive Director.

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