# **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

**FY24 RESULT** 

**Mestpac** GROUP

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

\$7.0bn

Net profit after tax

3% on FY23

**11.0%**Return on tangible equity¹
▼ 38bps on FY23

201c
Earnings per ordinary share
▼ 2% on FY23

\$7.1bn

Net profit after tax
(ex Notable Items)

\$\Blacktriangleright 3\% on FY23

12.5%
CETI level 2 capital ratio

11bps on FY23

76c final dividend per share
151c total ordinary dividends
\$1bn increase in share
buyback program

# **Good shape for the future**

Peter King, Chief Executive Officer

Our disciplined performance in FY24 has set Westpac up for growth and success.

We've significantly improved our customer service, grown in key segments and delivered another financial result built on a solid balance sheet and capital position.

We've continued to manage margins well in a competitive environment while growing in line with system in loans and deposits. The Consumer division built momentum in the second half and performance in Business has been a standout.

Westpac's capital position is one of the strongest I've seen, allowing us to further increase the share buyback program by \$1 billion. In addition, fully franked ordinary dividends increased by 6% this year with a final dividend of 76 cents per share. Total ordinary dividends for the year were 151 cents per share, towards the upper end of our payout range.

Improving customer service has been a key focus. Our mortgage time to approval has halved from its high point driving an uplift in mortgage NPS.

Westpac has the best banking app in Australia for the second year in a row<sup>2</sup> and we've made substantial progress bolstering safety and security for customers. This includes Australian-first scam measures which have helped bring customer scam losses down by 29%.

We reached a milestone this year with the completion of our Customer Outcomes and Risk Excellence program. We are now embedding the changes and APRA has reduced our operational risk capital overlay by \$500 million.

And UNITE, our business and technology simplification program is advancing well with 39 out of 61 initiatives commenced.

## **Economic outlook**

As we approach 2025, the domestic economy is showing positive signs. Consumer sentiment has risen to a two and a half year high, the labour market is holding up well and inflation is nearing target. However, we recognise some customers are facing difficult choices. While the majority are showing resilience, we're well positioned to provide support to those who need it. As always, call us early if you need help.

Some central banks have shifted to an easing cycle and the RBA is likely to follow in 2025. This will be good news for many households and businesses. Combined with an undersupply of housing, population growth and limited spare capacity across much of the business sector, we expect solid demand for both housing and business credit in 2025. The impact of overseas elections and geopolitical uncertainty remain difficult to predict and therefore it makes sense to maintain a strong balance sheet.

## A new phase for the bank

After five years as CEO I'm pleased to hand the bank over in very good shape. Westpac is a simpler, stronger bank and we are better at managing risk.

Our people are highly engaged with an organisational health index score ranking in the top quartile globally. Following a period of simplification of the bank, I know our people are excited about the next phase of growth and I thank them for their support.

I'm confident Westpac is positioned well for the future as it embarks on a new era under the leadership of Anthony Miller.

## Strong balance sheet

#### **CETI** capital ratio (%)

■ APRA basis ■ Internationally comparable



## Sound credit quality

#### Stressed exposures as a % of TCE

# 1.26 1.36 1.45 Sep-23 Mar-24 Sep-24

#### Impairment provisions (\$m)



## Operating performance (compared to FY23)

1.95%
NIM (ex Notable Items)
▼lbps on FY23

\$807bn

Total loans

4% on FY23

\$674bn

Total customer
deposits

\$5% on FY23

- Net interest income increased 3% to \$18,916 million, excluding Notable Items. Average interest-earning assets increased by 3%. Business loans grew 7% and housing loans grew 3%.
- NIM, excluding Notable Items, decreased 1 basis point to 1.95% reflecting competition in mortgage pricing as well as tighter spreads on cards, some deposits and business lending products.
- Non-interest income decreased 15% to \$2,835 million. Excluding Notable Items and the impact of businesses sold, non-interest income fell 5% to \$2,847 million. Net fee income increased by 2%, more than offset by the decline in Markets and wealth management income.
- Operating expenses of \$10,944 million increased 7%, excluding Notable Items. Higher software amortisation expenses and inflationary pressures on wages, technology and third-party vendor costs were partially offset by cost reduction initiatives.
- Impairment charges were 7 basis points of loans, down from 9 basis points. This was driven by lower Collectively Assessed Provisions, together with Individually Assessed Provision charges.
- Loans increased 4% to \$807 billion. This included growth in Australian housing loans (excluding RAMS) of 5% or 1.2x system<sup>3</sup>, as well as growth in Australian business lending of 8%.
- **Deposits grew 5% to \$674 billion.** This was mainly driven by growth in higher interest bearing accounts in Consumer and Institutional. A 7% increase in non-interest bearing deposits in Australia was due to the growth of mortgage offset balances, including more customers rolling off fixed rate loans.

## Key shareholder metrics

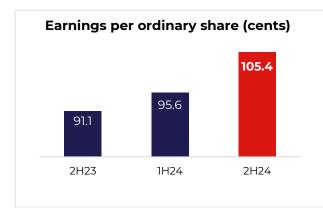
\$31.72 Closing share price, 30 September 2024

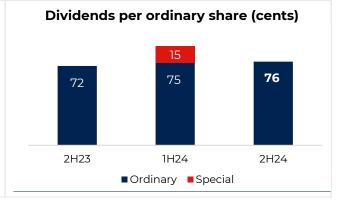
\$17.75
Net tangible assets per share

**201**c

Earnings per ordinary share

74.6%
Dividend payout ratio<sup>4</sup>





## Segment performance (compared to FY23)

#### Consumer

Net profit decreased 17%, net loans increased 4% and deposits grew 8%. Revenue was down 6% reflecting intense mortgage competition. Operating expenses increased by 1%. Financial performance recovered in the second half with net profit up 6%.

#### FY24 NET PROFIT<sup>5</sup>

**\$2,184m ▼**17%

#### **Business & Wealth**

Net profit grew 13% with pre-provision profit up 9%. Net loans rose 7% with business lending increasing by 9% due to strong growth in our target industries of agriculture, health and professional services. Expenses rose 4%.

\$2,356m

#### **Institutional Bank**

Net profit increased 2% with pre-provision profit up 4%. The 6% rise in operating income reflects higher lending and deposit revenue, while the 10% rise in operating expenses was due to higher resourcing to support growth, as well as software amortisation from technology investments.

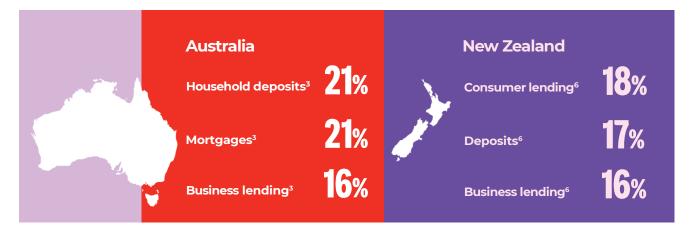
\$1,367m

## **New Zealand**

Net profit was up 10% with pre-provision profit up 1%. A 3% increase in operating income reflected growth in lending and a higher net interest margin, while a 6% increase in operating expenses was driven by increased technology costs, software amortisation and inflationary pressures.

NZD\$1,055m ▲10%

#### Market share



## Financial summary

\$m	Full Year 2024	Full Year 2023	% Mov't 2024 - 2023	Half Year Sep-24	Half Year Mar-24	% Mov't Sep24 - Mar24
Net interest income	18,753	18,317	2	9,626	9,127	5
Non-interest income	2,835	3,328	(15)	1,372	1,463	(6)
Net operating income	21,588	21,645	-	10,998	10,590	4
Operating expenses	(10,944)	(10,692)	2	(5,549)	(5,395)	3
Pre-provision profit	10,644	10,953	(3)	5,449	5,195	5
Impairments (charges)/benefit	(537)	(648)	(17)	(175)	(362)	(52)
Profit before income tax expenses	10,107	10,305	(2)	5,274	4,833	9
Income tax expenses	(3,117)	(3,104)	-	(1,626)	(1,491)	9
Profit after income tax expenses	6,990	7,201	(3)	3,648	3,342	9
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests (NCI)	-	(6)	(100)	-	-	-
Net profit attributable to owners of WBC	6,990	7,195	(3)	3,648	3,342	9
Impact of Notable Items (post tax)	(123)	(173)	(29)	41	(164)	large
Fully franked ordinary dividend per share (cents)	151	142	6	76	75	1
Fully franked special dividend per share (cents)	15	-	-	-	15	(100)
Return on average ordinary equity	9.77%	10.09%	(32 bps)	10.24%	9.30%	94 bps
Group NIM	1.93%	1.95%	(2 bps)	1.97%	1.89%	8 bps
Core NIM	1.82%	1.86%	(4 bps)	1.83%	1.80%	3 bps
Expense to income ratio	50.69%	49.40%	129 bps	50.45%	50.94%	(49 bps)
CETI capital ratio (Level 2)	12.49%	12.38%	11 bps	12.49%	12.55%	(6 bps)
Deposit to loan ratio	83.50%	82.89%	61 bps	83.50%	82.94%	56 bps
Liquidity coverage ratio (LCR)	133%	134%	(59 bps)	133%	132%	55 bps
Net stable funding ratio (NSFR)	112%	115%	(261 bps)	112%	114%	(143 bps)
Collectively assessed provisions to credit RWA	132 bps	135 bps	(3 bps)	132 bps	138 bps	(6 bps)
Total stressed exposures as a % of TCE	1.45%	1.26%	19 bps	1.45%	1.36%	9 bps

## Further information

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## **Footnotes**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The ROTE calculation is described further in the 2024 Full Year Financial Results Announcement. See also the return on average ordinary equity set out in the Financial Summary table above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Westpac recognised as Australia's overall best mobile app and digital experience leader, as evaluated in the Forrester Digital Experience Review<sup>TM</sup>: Australian Mobile Banking Apps<sup>TM</sup>, Q3 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> APRA Banking Statistics, September 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Excludes the impact of special dividend.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Total figures represent net profit after tax.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> RBNZ, September 2024.