Hepatitis C: ever onwards (plus wallabies and a pademelon)

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You could rightfully wonder why I continue to blog in this transitional period where all I am really doing is treading water while waiting for my 12 week post treatment blood tests. I wondered that myself. It's all so very similar.
"Feel okay. A bit tired. Not very tired. Steady as she goes."

But I thought in for a penny, in for a pound, as my apple cheeked old grandmother would say and have continued to blog post-treatment tedium and recovery. Honestly, if you are on treatment now and you think the waiting is getting you down? Wait till you are waiting for those post treatment result.

So I am giving you the warts and all version, because you don't just walk away from a lifetime of hep c. There is life after treatment and you deserve to know a bit about it. Also, you'll hear some horror stories and I wanted to put forward my own story which isn't horrible at all.

Since treatment ended I've had one day off work where I was just exhausted and I lost my voice. I was back the next day though, feeling pretty good. I've been very busy. But in saying that I've also tried to be very aware of not over committing myself. Sometimes I have not managed that balancing act very well.

This weekend I drove four hours to see my daughter for her birthday. She had organised a picnic in the park and invited friends and family. She was lucky. The weather, which was horrible on Friday and abysmal on Sunday, was picture perfect on Saturday.

We had lunch on numerous picnic blankets scattered on the grass. There was music. There were frisbees and kites. There were great grandmothers and great grandfathers, grandmothers and grandfathers, mothers, fathers, daughters, sons, aunties, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends.

There were also wallaby joeys and a pademelon joey. One of my daughter's aunts does a bit of wildlife rescue and often raises orphan joeys. They couldn't leave them at home so they came along too.

It was lovely to be able to share the day with my daughter and her friends.

I hope this treatment is successful so I can do it for a long time into the future.

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