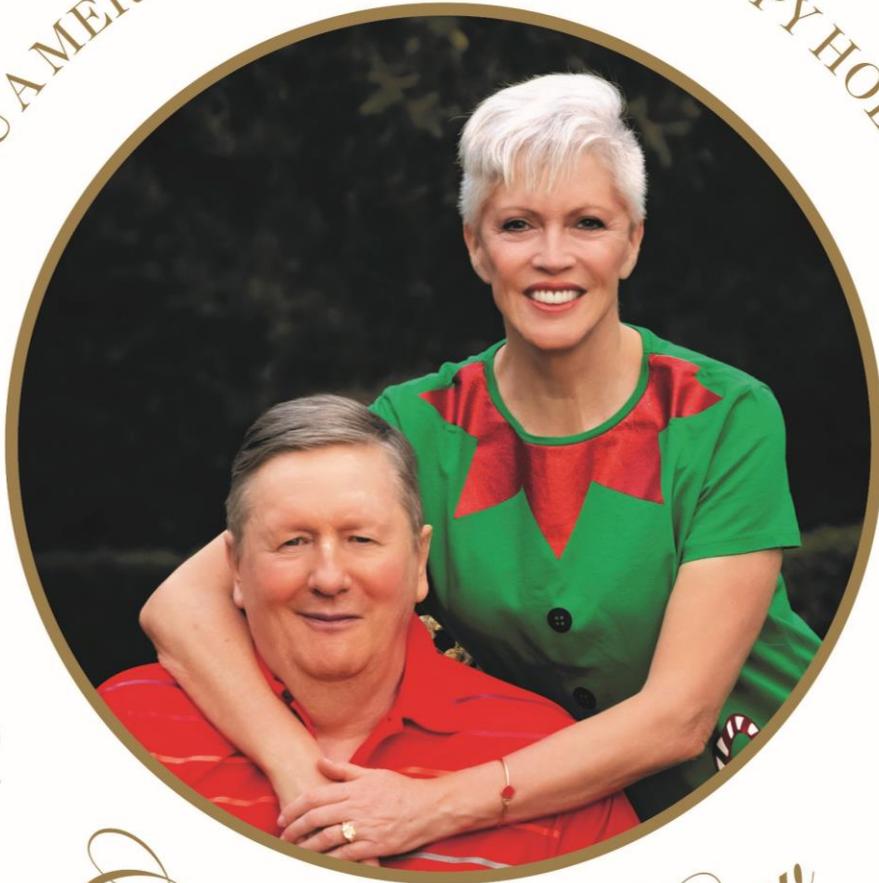


# Newsletter 2020

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON



*Carolyn and Douw*

To all our friends and family around the world,  
may your hearts be filled with peace, love and joy  
this holiday season.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year!



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# a note from Carolyn



Dearest 67 Blankets family,

December 2020

I want to thank each and every one of you for continuing to keep our 67 Blankets flag flying so high especially during what has been an exceedingly unprecedented and difficult year. Who would have thought a year ago that our 'closely knit' family would have to be kept apart for quite a number of months and that we would have to adhere to Lockdown rules and sport masks at each gathering? One thing I have learned for sure is that nothing - but nothing can keep a good KnitWit down. We have weathered storms in the past. Quite literally! And we rise to the challenge each and every time to overcome the odds.

We have always maintained that 67 Blankets does not sleep. Nothing can be more true this year as has been displayed by the constant work by thousands of our members. Our 'Secret Scarves' mission went full steam ahead across our beautiful land at the height of Covid-19. We observed all restrictions and as a result thousands of people all over South Africa went home feeling a little warmer and a lot more loved on that day, with our colourful, warm scarves wrapped around them. Pockets of our country were brighter and much more joyful on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to each and every person who put hook to wool to pull off this amazing mission. And special thank you to all our Ambassadors and KnitWits who went into the frontlines to make this happen. Throughout the year we have also distributed thousands of blankets (made with love) to vulnerable people across our country.

Knitathons and crochet gatherings continue unabated and we are so happy and relieved to see our members observing social distancing and the wearing of masks. We treasure all our members and we want everyone to remain safe. Tragically we recently lost two close family members, Reverend David Moloi, father of Ambassador Timothy Moloi and Jaco's 38 year old twin brother Martin Lötter due to Covid-19. We do not want to lose anyone else to this awful virus.

Right now we are focusing our sights on our #StrongerTogether Bokke Blanket and it is full steam ahead in the planning. South Africa (as I predicted when I put the challenge out to everyone a year ago) has actually RUN OUT of our green and gold wool!!! New stock should be arriving in January 2021 and **we therefore have to extend our deadline to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**

Originally we had planned to lay out this massive blanket to pay tribute to our rugby champions who brought home the famous Webb Ellis Trophy at Captain Siya Kolisi's alma mater in April, 2021. It has been recommended by SARU (South African Rugby Union) to perform this massive task when the Lions come out in June, 2021 which will result in enormous impact: not just in South Africa but all around the world. Once all blankets have arrived at 67 Blankets Headquarters in early March, the mammoth task of sorting, labelling and stitching together in the correct order will take place. We owe enormous thanks to STUTTAFORD VAN LINES for helping with the task of transporting thousands of blankets in green and gold to and fro across our country to help with this historical event. We also need to make mention of several corporates who have contributed enormously to making our vision a reality - Absa, Auto and General and Capitec.

Douw joins me in wishing you a peaceful and restful Festive Season. Come January 15 we will be full steam ahead creating warmth for many thousands of people living in dire need. Now lift up your right hand, place on your left shoulder and give yourself a big pat on the back for a job very well done!!

Love,  
Carolyn

## #StrongerTogether Bokke Blanket

The deadline for handing over your blankets are

**Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2021**

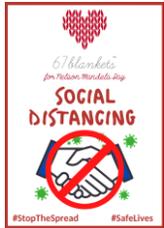
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## WELCOME to our NEWEST 67 Blankets Ambassadors



**COVID-19**



## Jeppie High School for Girls

We have 400 girls crocheting, some making squares and others full blankets. We have handed in 41 springbok blankets to date and have 100 more in the making. - Carole Heming



## New Wool Launch





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# a few 2020 memories

