InCare Planter Boxes — Funding & Prescriber Guide

Wheelchair-Accessible Wicking Planters · Guide for OTs, Prescribers & Families

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"Gardening should be for everyone."

Occupational Therapists · Support Coordinators · DVA Prescribers · Individuals at Home & Families

Australian-made InCare planter boxes are purpose-built for wheelchair and seated access from one side or both, at an ergonomic 800 mm working height that eliminates ground-level bending. Built with a genuine WaterUps® sub-irrigation wicking system, Ecoboard ends, and COLORBOND® steel sides, they are supplied flat-packed or fully assembled with a five-year structural warranty.



Chair access · Knee clearance underneath for a wheelchair or seated gardener, shown on lockable wheels (3-cell model).



The access shape · Angled side and raised lip allow a chair and footplates to roll underneath comfortably.

800 mm Height & Knee Clearance

Angled side(s) and raised lip allow close wheelchair or chair approach from one side (800 mm wide) or both sides (1000 mm wide), reducing spinal flexion and reach strain.

WaterUps® Wicking System

Integrated base reservoir draws water upward by capillary action, using up to 80% less water than traditional watering and lowering physical maintenance effort.

Built to Last

Powder-coated steel frame, COLORBOND® corrugated sides, and durable Ecoboard ends, backed by a 5-year structural warranty. Rubber feet or lockable wheels (3-cell).

Made to Order in Australia

Manufactured in ~1–2 weeks and supplied as a flat pack or fully assembled. Optional vertical lattice available on one-side models for climbing plants or privacy.

SIZES & PRICING (EXCL. GST)

Chair access one side or both — standard specifications for quotes & prescriptions

ACCESS	MODEL	LENGTH × WIDTH × HEIGHT	RUBBER FEET	WHEELS	LATTICE (ADD-ON)
One side, 800 mm wide	3-cell	1250 × 800 × 800 mm	$809	$904	$250
	4-cell	1650 × 800 × 800 mm	$1,130	—	$275
	5-cell	2050 × 800 × 800 mm	$1,222	—	$290
Both sides, 1000 mm wide	3-cell	1250 × 1000 × 800 mm	$890	$986	—
	4-cell	1650 × 1000 × 800 mm	$1,290	—	—
	5-cell	2050 × 1000 × 800 mm	$1,390	—	—

Prices are per complete planter and exclude GST and shipping (delivery quoted separately). Wheels are available on 3-cell models only. Lattice clips to one-side models only and cannot be fitted to both-sides boxes. Approximate soil volumes: one side 240 / 330 / 410 L; both sides 290 / 390 / 490 L.

"Gardening has been shown to improve mood, reduce anxiety, encourage gentle physical activity and stimulate memories for people living with dementia."

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Funding Pathways & Clinical Justification

Current Australian Funding Position (November 2026) & Prescriber Documentation Guide

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FUNDING PATHWAYS

Where funding is excluded, where it may be considered, and practical alternatives

Support at Home & AT-HM Scheme — NOT FUNDED

Support at Home replaced Home Care Packages on 1 Nov 2025. The official *AT-HM List* (updated 17 July 2026) is definitive and expressly lists **"Adapted gardening beds"** as out of scope / excluded. Unspent transitioned HCP funds follow the same list, and everyday-living gardening services exclude installing garden beds. (Low-risk adaptive gardening hand tools and body-protection gear remain eligible.)

NDIS (Eligible Participants, typically <65) — CASE-BY-CASE

Standard garden beds are excluded, but *Supports that are NDIS supports* includes "assistive products to facilitate… gardening" and upgrading household items with accessibility features. With OT evidence linking wheelchair access to plan goals, 3-cell/4-cell models under $1,500 incl. GST may fit Low-Cost AT (Consumables); larger configurations or delivery over $1,500 fall into Mid-Cost AT. Supplies meeting ATO s 38-38 NDIS criteria may be GST-free.

DVA Rehabilitation Appliances (RAP) — OFF-SCHEDULE REQUEST

Raised garden beds are not on the Nov 2025 DVA RAP Schedule. However, an authorised prescriber (such as an OT) can submit an off-schedule clinical request with product details, justification, and a supplier quote to *rapgeneralenquiries@dva.gov.au* for case-by-case review.

CHSP Goods & Equipment (Pre-2027) — GREY AREA / UNLIKELY

CHSP offers up to $1,000/financial year (incl. delivery) for assessor- or allied-health-recommended equipment, and operates until at least 1 July 2027. However, installing garden beds is excluded under CHSP gardening, and providers frequently decline raised beds given the AT-HM exclusion.

Other Practical Options for People Living at Home & Community Settings — ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS

- **Good Shepherd No Interest Loans (NILS):** Up to $2,000 (0% interest, no fees, paid directly to Wentworth Care on a formal quote) for Pension or Health Care Card holders, singles <$70k or couples/dependants <$100k who can manage repayments via Centrepay or direct debit.
- **RSL Sub-Branch Welfare (Veterans & Partners):** Local RSL Sub-Branch welfare funds sometimes assist with home independence items or partial contributions; contact the local branch Welfare Officer.
- **Shared / Group Funding (Facilities, Villages & Community):** Retirement village residents' committees, CHSP Social Support Groups / Centre-based Respite programs, local council Healthy Ageing / community grants, Men's Sheds, and community gardens can often fund InCare boxes for shared resident or member use (not individual private ownership).
- **Generally Not Eligible:** Private health extras, Carer Gateway, state AT schemes (e.g. SWEP/EnableNSW), and ATO Schedule 3 medical-aid GST exemptions do not ordinarily cover planter beds.

Suggested Clinical Justification Wording (Adaptable for OTs, NDIS & DVA Prescribers)

1. Functional Limitations

"[Client] mobilises using a wheelchair / has severely reduced standing tolerance, spinal pain, and falls risk when bending or reaching forward, preventing safe access to ground-level garden beds."

2. Therapeutic & Participation Goal

"An accessible planter supports [Client]'s plan goal of safe, independent participation in home gardening, maintaining upper-limb strength, sitting balance, routine, and psychological wellbeing."

3. Why Adaptive Tools Alone Are Insufficient

"Long-handled or ergonomic hand tools do not resolve ground-level reach distance, wheelchair approach clearance, or postural strain; [Client] still cannot position their chair alongside the soil surface."

4. Why a Standard Raised Bed Is Unsuitable

"Standard raised garden beds have solid vertical walls that block wheelchair footplates and knees. The InCare unit's 800 mm height, angled knee recess, raised lip, and WaterUps® wicking reservoir enable safe seated access with minimal watering demands."

Document Checklist to Request from Wentworth Care

- ☐ **Itemised Formal Quote:** Model, rubber feet/wheels, optional lattice, flat-pack vs assembled, GST status, and delivery to client postcode (essential for NDIS, DVA, and NILS).
- ☐ **Product Specification Sheet:** 800 mm working height, overall footprint, angled knee recess profile, WaterUps® reservoir details, and 5-year structural warranty.
- ☐ **Accessibility Reference Photos:** Showing a wheelchair rolled under the angled lip and the WaterUps® sub-irrigation system.
- ☐ **Chair Clearance Check:** Confirm the client's wheelchair armrest height, knee height, and footplate depth against the 800 mm planter height and angled recess before ordering.

Request a Quote or Spec Pack

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