

HAPPY HOURS

# SUNSHINE COAST

— From nautical-themed bars with knockout views to hidden local haunts boasting quirky cocktails and drag queen bingo, happy hour on the Sunshine Coast is an affair to remember —





BROUHAHA

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Sometimes, looks can be deceiving. Pull into the QML Pathology carpark in Maleny and head for the door next to the dentist. Inside, you'll find this modern craft brewery's engine room, where you can wind down on Fridays from 3-6pm with \$7 off jugs of craft brew, Middle of the Road. There are 10 rotating taps and an all-Aussie line-up of spirits to complement a menu championing local produce (like the Maleny wayu, which is fed the spent grains after brewing).

[brouhahabrewery.com.au](http://brouhahabrewery.com.au)

### > LOCALE.

You're probably not looking for dark and moody watering holes in Noosa but when you pull up a stool at the long timber bar inside this Frank Macchia-designed venue, you will be impressed. The Italians perfected the art of aperitivo and here, tucked away on the southern end of Hastings Street, the pre-dinner tradition continues with five *cicchetti* (snack) dishes for \$45 from 12-6pm. Order a Negroni (there are seven different kinds on offer) or choose from the 36-page wine list – and that's amore.

[localenoosa.com.au](http://localenoosa.com.au)



PIER 33

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There's a winning formula at Pier 33 (once the Mooloolaba Yacht Club): waterfront real estate, a cracking seafood-led menu (order the spanner crab rolls) and Instagrammable decor. Sipping a Capri Classico (gin, champagne, rosewater, peach bitters, violet and lemon) while a DJ plays on the lawn on Saturday afternoons, it's hard to imagine life can get any better. But it does – on Tuesday to Friday from 5-7pm with \$5 local schooners, house wine and basic spirits.

[pier33.com.au](http://pier33.com.au)

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### > RICKS GARAGE.

Hot rods, beer and towering burgers are the staples of Ricks Garage, a memorabilia-heavy diner in the hinterland town of Palmwoods. But head upstairs to the adults-only whisky bar and you'll have your pick of over 170 bottles of whisky, scotch and bourbon, including an 18-year-old Yamazaki. Before you order a flight or sample one of the four barrel-aged cocktails (hickory smoked Old Fashioned, anyone?), kick off happy hour from 4-6pm Thursday to Sunday, with \$5 beer and wine and \$10 cocktails.

[fb.me/ricksgarage4555](http://fb.me/ricksgarage4555)



THE POCKET ESPRESSO BAR

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Once you pull yourself away from the “made-for-a-beer-ad” sands of Moffat Beach, toddle across the park to The Pocket to rub shoulders with the creatives who could have directed said advertisement. The only name you need to know here is Larry, the pale ale on tap (and brewed locally by Your Mates Brewing). On Sundays there are \$15 jugs and \$1 wings from 4-6pm.

[thepocketespresso.com.au](http://thepocketespresso.com.au)

> **THE BISON BAR.**

This Art Deco gem in Nambour is a destination in its own right. Sink into one of the vintage armchairs as the band sets up by the baby grand and you'll feel like you're in your granny's lounge room (if grandma had a knack for mixing inventive cocktails served in crystal glassware). Be there 4-6pm on Fridays for \$12 Espresso Martinis and \$6 beer and wine and return on the first Thursday of the month for drag queen bingo.

[thebisonbar.com](http://thebisonbar.com)



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You'll need your sunglasses when you head to this bar on the third floor of Noosa Boathouse, moored on the Noosa River. But don't worry, there are spares for sale behind the bar if you forget. Happy hour here just so happens to coincide with that golden last hour of daylight – hence the name of the bar, geddit? – and means \$6 tap beers and house wines from 4.30-5.30pm. Perch at the long wooden bench for a front-row seat.

[noosaboathouse.com.au/sunset-bar](http://noosaboathouse.com.au/sunset-bar)

> **THIRD PLACE.**

A skate shop in Maroochydore might not be the first place you look for a bar but those in the know head to Third Place from 4-5pm for \$5 Balter XPA on tap. It might be the weathered gaze of a coal miner beaming from the back wall or the timber cladding but there's no cosier spot to while away a few hours playing Connect Four and enjoying a tight edit of seven South Australian wines. Whisky aficionados will appreciate the Glencairn glasses.

[thirdplace.space](http://thirdplace.space)

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