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Banana homecoming- cause for celebration at this year's Innisfail Banana Race day.

Innisfail's fifth Annual Banana Race day to be held on August 19th at Pease Park, is set to be bigger than ever as the banana industry gathers to celebrate getting back on their feet after the devastation of Cyclone Larry.

The who's who of banana-growing is expected to gather this year for a day of fun, racing, fashion and entertainment that has become the flagship event of the north Queensland turf racing calendar.

"Originally named in honour of Australia's most popular fruit, this year's event will be particularly special as we celebrate the banana industry's hard work and remarkable recovery over the last few months," says Innisfail Turf Club committee member Judy Spagnolo.

The idea for Banana race Day originally came from Judy's husband, Mark Spagnolo, who is currently Chairman of the Australian Banana Promotions Company Limited.

The two main races of the day presented by Moraitis Fresh and Lamanna Bananas are set to attract quality fields with additional sponsor support this year adding to race prize money throughout the program.

Competition will also be fierce in the fashion stakes with The Fashions on the Field Competition, sponsored by Tropicana Bananas, offering entrants the choice of two style categories, 'Traditional' or 'Tropical.'

For action away from the track, local musicians and entertainers will provide fun and entertainment for adults and children of all ages throughout the day.

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