

Born and raised in rural New Zealand, Fern Sutherland graduated drama school and hit the ground running with professional theatre roles straight away. She toured productions internationally to the likes of Frankfurt and London. After coming home she landed her first television role starring in all three seasons of the cult-hit show The Almighty Johnsons. She received a nomination for best supporting actress at the 2011 NZ Film and Television Awards for her role as long-suffering PA, Dawn. More recently Fern is known for her role as Detective Kristin Sims, the lead

character in four seasons of *The Brokenwood Mysteries*, a quirky whodunit that has found a significant fan base internationally. She has also appeared in music videos for kiwi siblings Broods and Aussie musician Jarryd James.