Location: At the entrance to the Hobart Institute of TAFE, Bathurst Street, Hobart.

Owner: Tasmanian Museum & Art Gallery.

The plaque is located on the engine.

Compound engines
Most early compound steam engines had the two cylinders positioned on the same side of the column, but the addition of a high pressure cylinder to an engine designed only for low pressure often resulted in overstressing of the beam.

William McNaught's arrangement avoided this problem.

This engine
In other respects the engine is somewhat similar to other early engines and incorporates the parallel link motion which was patented by James Watt in 1794.

Little is known of the history of this engine before 1885.

Other McNaught Beam Engines
The oldest existing engine of this type in Britain was built in 1885.